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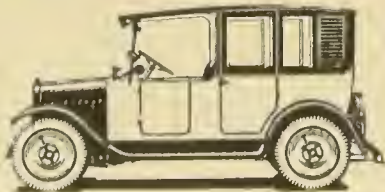
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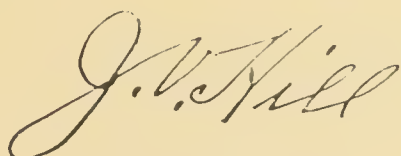
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[Dean Thomas W. Graham has been asked to use this page of the Magazine this month to tell of the year in the Graduate School of Theology.]

The Outreach of the School of Theology

We have gained in numbers. Our present enrolment is fifty-two, the largest in ten years.



Council Hall is still a combination Council of Churches and League of Nations. Fifteen denominations are represented in this year's student body, and the students come from New Zealand, Australia, China, Japan, British West Indies, and twelve states of the Union. This cosmopolitan and interdenominational atmosphere is ideal for training the leadership of the church in this generation.

We continue our strong missionary contribution. The changed situation in missions calls for fewer missionaries and the strengthening of native leadership. We have twelve Japanese students, all capable of real leadership and sure to carry the best that Oberlin has into the life of a people with whom America must have more and more to do.

One of our most difficult Home Mission problems is presented by the changing character of Negro life and occupation. The Negro churches will have to do with solving the critical race problem involved in these changes. It is a privilege for Oberlin to train some of the leadership of those people, and to send to this hot point in American life men who are thoroughly imbued with the "honest and friendly spirit."

Fifty-eight per cent of our students are preparing for service in white American churches at home and abroad.

I am certain of the contribution which the School of Theology has to make to the field of religion. It is not likely to be a contribution of large numbers, but it will be one of power, arising from men trained to a fearless, scholarly but withal evangelical approach to the religious problems of their time.

T. W. Graham

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The comment of a college officer a few days ago, "You can't count on him for any help at commencement; he never stays," raises a rather pertinent question as to just what a faculty member's obligation is to his college. It is not a new question, and the above remark is not a new comment, frequently given with a contemptuous tone to the voice.

A TEACHER'S TIME AND OBLIGATION TO THE COLLEGE

It is said that in the days of President Fairchild, a faculty member's full time was at the disposal of the college the year round. Evidently conditions have changed. The standard excuse given for faculty members' engagements in extra-curricular activities is their need for added income and that the experience and knowledge gained in these activities contributes to their usefulness as teachers. There are those who hold that so long as they do the assigned teaching properly they are at liberty to use the rest of their time as they see fit—to study, to travel, to work, to play.

The objections made to the outside teaching and other work is that they absorb ones time and energy and thought to the detriment of the regular teaching, committee duties, and general obligations to the college.

That the bulk of the faculty are loyal to their work and give of themselves unstintedly to its advancement there is no question; that some treat it merely as a job is probably true. That travel is educative and much of it may have a direct bearing upon ones work is well known. One resulting value of the outside work and travel not so frequently mentioned is its broadening effect. The charge that college teachers tend to become narrow and bigoted is common. Does not the mixing into affairs outside the campus help to offset this narrowness and is it not therefore a good thing?

Should the trustees increase professorial salaries next year, would the outside incomes be no longer unnecessary—or is more income always needed?

Does one's acceptance of a position on the Oberlin faculty obligate him to attend chapel, to serve on committees, to share in the burdens of commencement and other special occasions, to exclude him from other financial remunerative occupations, and to be enthusiastically interested in the welfare of students and alumni.

The foresight of officers of the Oberlin Shansi Memorial Association twenty years ago in selecting as the first principal of Shansi schools a native Chinese should not go unnoticed at such a time of crises in China. Deliberately, the leaders of this renewed work in Shansi, following the Boxer uprising, selected to head the educational work one born and brought up in the province, holding the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens.

FORESIGHT OF TWENTY YEARS AGO

Dr. K'ung, with an American education and with fellow alumni to assist, has built up a work of which Oberlin may be proud. Dr. and Mrs. Fairfield and other Ameri-

cans have carried most of the administrative burdens but they have gradually been training their Chinese colleagues in modern educational methods, until now the Chinese staff can carry on alone without noticeable loss of efficiency.

The value of this policy is seen in the close friendship developed between American and Chinese teachers and the cordial attitude of the citizens and especially the governmental officials toward the schools. While other missionary schools have been upset for months past by revolutionary propaganda, student demonstrations and strikes our schools have gone along without the slightest disturbance. The Chinese teachers have understood the minds of their Chinese students, a tolerance and sympathy for their nationalistic aspirations has existed which has maintained normal conditions in Taiku, while rioting has gone on in school centers in neighboring provinces. Many American and British educational plants are entirely closed but Oberlin's protegee in Shansi moves along as calmly as if there were no storms about. And the condition rests, partly at least, upon the fact that we originally manned our school with a Chinese principal and a staff predominately Chinese.

American Alumni Council is the name given a new organization which is a consolidation of three general alumni bodies—Association of Alumni Secretaries, Alumni Magazines Associated, and Association of Alumni Funds. The new organization came into being at the conclusion of a three-day combined meeting of these associations held at the University of North Carolina, May 28-30.

INTERCOLLEGIATE ALUMNI REORGANIZED

There has been a big growth in the alumni work of the colleges and universities of the country since the first meeting of alumni secretaries thirteen years ago. 131 representatives of 101 colleges were present at Chapel Hill last month. There was constant exchange of ideas, of how to better the work of the alumni associations, and how to broaden that work and make it more effective for the alumni as well as the college. These annual meetings, which bring together the majority of alumni secretaries from the far west as well as the east, from Canada and the states, are profitable occasions for all engaged in any phase of alumni work. In addition to the yearly gathering of the whole membership it was arranged that there should be occasional meetings of regional groups. The way was also paved for the establishment of a central office with an executive secretary to be a clearing house for constituent members and to provide a continuous and effective organization between conventions.

Oberlin has actively shared in this intercollegiate relationship. Mr. Ament was for a term secretary of the Alumni Magazines Associated and Mr. Olmstead has just completed service as a member of the executive committee of the Association of Alumni Secretaries. He also presented a paper at the recent convention.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

A Movement in Trollope

"I lay in bed this morning for a little and read Trollope," wrote Professor Walter Raleigh in a letter more than twenty years ago. "I'm afraid it's no good anyone telling me that Thackeray is a better novelist than Trollope. . . . It's not true. Trollope starts off with ordinary people that bore you in life and in books and makes an epic of them, because he understands affection, which the others take for granted or are superior about. I wish there were a Trollope movement, it would be so healthy." I too have been lying in bed, for longer than a little, and I too have been reading Trollope—re-reading him, that is to say, for there are not many of his forty-six novels that I shall now ever have the pleasure of reading for the first time.

I am quite of Professor Raleigh's mind. There ought to be a movement in Trollope, and there are signs that one is beginning. An annotated bibliography of his work, a book dealing with his writing as a whole, a leading article in *The London Times Literary Supplement*, cheap reprints of two or three of his more popular stories, these are straws, to be sure, but the breeze that stirs them blows from Barsestshire.

That he is a better novelist than Thackeray I am not ready to concede, having an ancient tenderness for *Pendennis* and *Esmond* and *Vanity Fair*. Nor can I agree that he builds his epics out of "people that bore you in life and in books." It would be a queer, dull sort of person who could be bored, in life, by Glencora Palliser or Lady Lufton or Mr. Harding or Will Belton or Archdeacon Grantley or Lily Dale or Lizzie Eustace or Mrs. Proudie or Phineas Finn or the Reverend Josiah Crawley or Madame Max Goesler. As for being bored with them in Trollope's pages, that of course depends upon what one is looking for in fiction. To readers whose taste has been formed on "Ulysses" and "Mrs. Dalloway" and "The Sun Also Rises," Trollope would probably seem tame—probably, not necessarily, for, as Matthew Arnold once remarked, "things admirable are sown wide, and are to be gathered here and gathered there, not all in one place." And the chief fault that I have to find with devotees of the newer schools of fiction is that they have forgotten, or have never heard, this sensible admonition of the great Victorian critic.

It is true enough that Trollope is longwinded, that he lacks the clipped, staccato directness which is all we think we have time for. It is true that he repeats himself—often very effectively—and that he builds his stories out of slight materials, though here, in all conscience, the moderns have no case against him. It might be urged perhaps that his phrase has little saliency, and it is true that the reader's ear is not plagued by that incessant popping of blank cartridges which so many people mistake for marksmanship. But he can turn a phrase with the best of them, when he chooses, and though it is turned so deftly that one has to be on the look-out not to miss it, I suspect that it is these quiet felicities of his that are partly responsible for the enchantment—and it is no less—of his best work. They seem to be effortless, these happy turns of phrase, effortless and careless, like his grammar, and this careless ease and abundance constitute another element in the slow spell that he weaves about his reader.

It is with the substance of Trollope's books as with their style. They are so genial, so good-natured, so unemphatic, so completely without axes to grind of any sort that they have beguiled unwary readers into thinking them superficial, unsubstantial—in a word, merely diverting. "The Belton Estate," for instance, beguiled one reader who was usually wary enough into recording a judgment of which he must now be ashamed, if he is in a position to be ashamed of anything. The reader was Henry James, and he called the book "stupid," "essentially, organically stupid. It is without a single idea." It does not attack a problem, if that is what James meant. There is almost nothing in it that is sententious or quotable. But it is full of wisdom, of the serene, widely garnered wisdom of a man who has looked upon life and lived it and found out a part, at least, of its meaning. And this wisdom, acquired from his intercourse with humanity, he has translated back, so to speak, into human terms of character and circumstance, of tragedy and comedy, of death and life. The book is quintessential Trollope, with all the good-humored indulgence, the unsentimental tenderness, the significant reticences that make Trollope what he is. One might say of it what Trollope said of its hero, that it "knows nothing of the inner world of worlds which governs the world"; but one would be wrong. It is an image of that inner world, clothed in flesh and blood, going about its tasks, unself-conscious, unreflective, if you please, but alive.

This, I think, is the real source of Trollope's power and of his hold upon his readers. It is not "because he understands affection" that we read and re-read him, unless by "affection" Professor Raleigh means all the relations that bind men and women to one another. There are very few of them that Trollope does not understand, and nothing is so irritating to a lover of his books as the harping of critics upon his limitations. Of course he was limited. Religion, for instance, although he wrote frequently and admirably of the clergy, he seems to have known very little about. But Chaucer seems to have known quite as little, though he also enjoyed writing of the clergy. The passion of love is another human experience with which Trollope seems not to have been profoundly acquainted. All his critics are persuaded of this. But I am not so sure. Once more I remember "The Belton Estate." The hero of that story, who resembles his creator not a little, is passionately in love if ever man was, and the marks of that passion are not wanting to those who have eyes to see. The full-flowing, broad-bosomed river of Trollope's style deludes the happy voyager upon it. He does not measure the depths over which he sails so smoothly, nor perceive the hidden currents that carry him on. But the depths and the currents are there, and the scenery along the banks, if quiet and rural, is enchanting.

Charles H. A. Wager

Cowley of Berea

By M. B. S.

Robert A. Cowley graduated from Oberlin in 1896 and from Western Reserve Medical School in 1901. After an internship in City Hospital, Cleveland, and marriage to Miss Anna Parry of the Oberlin class of 1897 he began medical practice in Lorain, Ohio. Two years later he was invited to become the college physician at Berea, Ky.

A quarter of a century brings change anywhere, but such change is not always so conspicuous as that which one sees in comparing Berea today with Berea in 1904, when Dr. Cowley arrived. There had been no "college" doctor, and such attention as the "town" doctor had been able to give to the campus was inadequate. Richmond was fifteen miles away; it took a day to drive there and back again, and for a Richmond doctor to make a visit to Berea meant a fee of fourteen dollars, a sum usually prohibitive. Berea's water supply was scant and her drainage poor, so that typhoid was regarded as something that everybody had.

A worker who has been at Berea since 1889 tells of his experience with typhoid in the "pre-Cowley" days. He caught the single town doctor on the street, and was told that he had "better go to bed." When his temperature, "about one hundred and five," made going about really impossible, he did go to bed, in his dormitory room. A student came in daily to do what he could. With no other care the sick man struggled through. And so did many of those on the campus struggle through, largely self-prescribed for, cared for by their companions.

About the time when Dr. Cowley came, came also better provision for water supply, and great lessening of the typhoid cases. But other epidemics raged, especially measles. Dormitory living and class-room gatherings make contagion easy at best, and in those days students knew little of avoidance of it. Constant, but often seemingly fruitless education was a part of Dr. Cowley's task—to teach ailing students to show themselves to the doctor before they had infected the whole campus, to teach them to observe quarantine. Living conditions made care of the sick terribly difficult; an inadequate hospital meant that most of the sick must stay in their rooms.

At that time there were not dormitories for all, so that the doctor must go to every part of the town to the houses where students roomed. He had no horse of his own and had to make his visits on foot. Sometimes it was eleven o'clock at night before he had finished his rounds. In an especially virulent epidemic two "school-houses," small buildings on the campus, were cleared for the sick. Student help must be largely relied on for nursing during such scourges. Of one student of those early days, Dr. Cowley says that he does not know what he should have done without him. He could follow directions, was utterly faithful, and so bore a real part of an almost unbearable load.



A very short stay at Berea made it clear to Dr. Cowley that the examination and fitting of eyes was one of the great student needs. For this his training had not prepared him. First he spent a summer in study at Cleveland, and later a summer in an eye hospital in London. Here, because of unrestricted immigration to England, came many from all Europe who were suffering with trachoma, which must be cured before they could enter America, their desired goal. Thus the summer gave an unusual opportunity to observe the treatment of this disease from which many in the southern mountains suffer. In another way was the experience valuable because experiments with tuberculin were being made at the London hospital that summer. Later two trips were made to Vienna for study which gave Dr. Cowley a skill in treatment of the nose, ear, and throat that until that time he had not felt that he possessed.

CASES IN THE MOUNTAINS

During earlier years, before other doctors came to care for the country about, Dr. Cowley answered many calls from the scattered mountain homes around Berea. Stories of these experiences call to mind Dr. Maclure, beloved of Drumtochty. One night when Dr. Cowley was ill, too ill to sit up, a call came from a man who was a chronic asthma suffered, now developing pneumonia. With horse and buggy, Mrs. Cowley with him carrying oxygen for the sick man, he set out. The road was a steep one, the mountain on its one side, sheer descent on the other. The messenger who had come for help had to "clear the road," that is, see that no one started to drive down while Dr. Cowley was coming up, as there was not room to pass. Going down again after the visit, they found the night blacker than before; the only way to keep on the road was for Mrs. Cowley to go ahead carrying the lantern, running to keep clear of the horse's feet, Dr. Cowley just able to hold the reins and guide the horse by the light. . . .

A doctor living in the hills asked Dr. Cowley to visit a patient of his, long helpless. "I thought you might be able to think of something new to do." A tubercular infection made amputation above the knee the only cure. For this man had to be taken to the hospital at Berea. Years afterward Dr. Cowley happened to meet him, wholly recovered and working in the mines. He really didn't miss the leg, he cheerfully declared; often in the low passages in the mines the men must work on their knees, and he need bend only one knee. The other leg was in the way, anyhow. . . . Many of the mountain cases were surgical and could not be moved to the hospital.

Dr. Cowley regularly took with him pans in which to sterilize instruments, mosquito netting to make a screen from flies, a sheet to line the unceiled roof and rough wall, and a bull's eye lantern to light his work. After the operation the patient had to be left in the care of those

of the family, and so a part of Dr. Cowley's work was to explain carefully just what was to be done and—to make sure that it would be done—to explain why he himself had done what he had, and why such care and cleanliness were necessary. "When you come, doctor, you always teach me, so that I know how to do," a woman said. Often there would be no further contact with the case, a letter was impossible or unthought-of, and it might be years afterward, in some accidental way, that Dr. Cowley learned if his patient had recovered.

GROWTH OF HOSPITAL

The growth of the college hospital in Berea gives another angle from which to see the work of almost a quarter century. When Dr. Cowley came there was a building in use as a hospital, there were a head nurse and a few student nurses. The building, an old dwelling-house, was home for the nurses as well as hospital. Beds often had to be put in the corridor as well as in the few rooms. There was no operating room; the office had to be emptied, scrubbed, and used for operations as they came. Water was not piped into the building until after Dr. Cowley's coming.

Next was erected a building for a hospital, adapted for the purpose. Now there was an operating-room, well lighted. When this building became too small for the enlarging school, it was turned into a dormitory and the present hospital was built on the edge of town. If its distance from the main campus makes necessary the disadvantage of maintaining additional campus offices, and inconveniences arise because records and equipment are not centralized, hospital patients, at least, find a gain in the wide stretches to be seen from their windows, and the quiet, through which the meadow-larks sound clearly. Now the hospital is manned by three college doctors and by several permanent supervising nurses, under whom each year a little group of pupil nurses graduates from a three-year training course. An arrangement by which these nurses in training spend the second year of their course in a Cincinnati hospital broadens their experience.

MEASLE SERUM DEVELOPED

In a number of ways the work done at this hospital has been notable. Dr. Cowley was one of the first physicians in the country to give medical examinations to college students to find out physical defects, as contrasted with examinations of a physical director. Shortly after Simon Flexner perfected the serum for spinal meningitis, Berea had an epidemic of twenty-two cases, twenty of which were cured by the serum. Dr. Cowley was told

at that time that the Berea hospital was the first place where a large number of cases had been treated, and that the percentage of recoveries was uniquely high.

One of the most interesting of later episodes was the use by the hospital of the measles serum as a therapeutic agency. Correspondence which Dr. Cowley carried on with the Rockefeller Institute to learn if they had discovered anything new about treatment of a measles epidemic led to the coming to Berea of a physician from the New York Board of Health. From blood taken from Berea students who had lately recovered from measles a serum was made which was used in combating measles in institutions for children in New York, with marked success. Since adult convalescence from measles are not often found in considerable numbers, the difficulty of securing blood for the serum had hitherto prevented thorough verification of the conclusions which had been reached by research.

Since that time Dr. Cowley's policy in using the serum has been to make it from the blood of the students first contracting the disease, and use it as a cure in the later cases. Dr. Cowley's account of results (published in the *Therapeutic Gazette* for June 15, 1926) shows how this treatment breaks the strength of the disease and prevents the after-effects often associated with measles.

HEALTH EDUCATION FOR MOUNTAINEERS

Particularly through the mountains has a notable work of education gone from the treatment in the hospital of diseases of the nose and throat. Mountain conditions make these ailments peculiarly common. The turnover of students in Berea is nearly fifty per cent a year; this means that there are placed in the hospital not fewer than twelve or thirteen hundred students a year who have never had any treatment of any kind, to say nothing of adequate treatment.

The thing which Dr. Cowley now wants most is a small tuberculosis sanatorium. He has chosen the spot, a hill slope a little way out of town, near the pine trees. At present, when active cases of tuberculosis are found among the students, they must be sent home. Living conditions there and lack of knowledge of the nature of tuberculosis means that cure for these entirely curable cases is almost always impossible. In a sanatorium not only could these students come back to health but there could be given to all the students a demonstration lesson in the care of the disease that would filter back through the mountains. This is the dream of a man who has dreamed many things at Berea, who has made some of them come true, and who has worked unfalteringly among actualities.

Commencement—Reunions

JUNE 16 - 21

Representatives from other colleges, educational and church organizations, trustees, faculty, alumni and townspeople will honor President King in the parade Saturday night and at a special meeting in Finney Memorial Chapel Monday afternoon. All graduates and former students are urged to be present and participate.

No Danger of Oberlin Becoming a Junior College

By Dr. Louis D. Hartson, Associate Professor of Psychology

In the April number of the *Atlantic Monthly* George Herbert Palmer writes with apprehension: "In my judgment the Junior College is more likely to bring disaster than anything that has happened in our world of education during the last fifty years." Professor Palmer reports that 375 junior colleges have now been organized, and he is convinced that this new movement will lead inevitably to the extermination of that distinctively American institution, the four-year liberal arts college.

Is Professor Palmer's apprehension justified? Is Oberlin to become a two-year college? Is it probable that within a short time men will come here for but two years before entering upon professional training or going into industry?

During the last few years the professional schools have begun to feel the effects of that great migration of youth to college, which is so marked a phenomenon of recent decades. The American college population has more than doubled during the last decade. As a result, the professional schools have begun to find it necessary to employ selective devices for sifting out desirable applicants for admission. Northwestern University Medical School has selected a class of 125 which will enter next fall from 1,250 applicants. Although the minimum requirement for entrance to medical schools is generally but two years of college work, in actual practice the applicant must present evidence of having attained the bachelor's degree, backed by something more than passing grades, at that. And now the law schools are falling into line with the medical schools. Yale will no longer accept applicants who have not completed a college course and who do not make a satisfactory score in a "Law Aptitude Test."

The other evidence of appreciation of the four-year college course comes from the great industrial corporations. Since the war a large number of the corporations have established training courses for the purpose of initiating college graduates into the details of their particular forms of business. And they are making their selections from among the graduates, not the sophomores. As long as entrance to the first-class professional schools, and preferential opportunity for advancement to the executive positions in industry, are limited to graduates of four-year colleges, there is little danger that all of them will be supplanted by the junior college.

That may be true so far as the superficial organization of the college is concerned, someone may rejoin; but what of the curriculum? Pressed hard on one side by the junior college, and on the other by professional and business interests, may we not expect the junior and senior years of the four-year course to become professional in content and in attitude?

A year ago inquiries were sent from Oberlin to two hundred and fifty professional schools. The deans were asked to outline the course, by means of which the Oberlin students could most adequately prepare for their particular professional school. Their responses can be most adequately illustrated by quotations from their letters.

Dean Grey, of the Tuck School of Business Administration, wrote: "We are committed to the principle that the most valuable preparation for a graduate course in business administration is the broad, liberal curriculum in the Arts and Sciences."

The Dean of the Harvard Graduate School of Business wrote: "I believe one thing upon which our faculty is in unanimous agreement is that the professional work of this school should rest upon a broad foundation of Liberal Arts training. It is recommended that students who make an early decision to come here, do not take business courses in their undergraduate work."

The same emphasis is found in the letters from the schools of journalism, library work, theology, social service, and law. Dean Roscoe Pound, of the Harvard Law School, says: "Our experience has been that it makes little difference what work a student has pursued in college, provided his work has been done thoroughly. The important thing in preparation for law is the acquisition of habits of intelligent study, coherent thinking, accurate observation, and clear grasp of the materials."

The schools of engineering and medicine lay major emphasis upon a foundation in the sciences. It is significant, however, that two-thirds of the medical schools advise the pre-medical major rather than specialization in any one science. The pre-medical major permits a wider selection of electives from the non-science subjects. To an increasing degree the professional schools are advising the student not only to complete four years of college training, but to employ those years in laying a broad foundation. Technical courses should be left to the technical school.

What appears to us as most surprising, however, is the attitude which is beginning to characterize the leaders in industry. The General Electric Company may be used for purpose of illustration. Mr. Frederick, in recruiting men for the Business Training Course, lays emphasis upon the thoroughness with which a man has done his work, rather than upon the field in which he has majored. Business Administration majors are given no preference. And this same principle is now being applied in the recruiting of men for the engineering branches of this industry. Whereas but two years ago the General Electric insisted upon four years preparation in engineering, this year the technical requirement has been reduced to a single course in physics.

Each industry has its own highly specialized processes. And American industrialists have now just begun to see what the French *Comité des Forges* reported ten years ago, that the student with broad and thorough training can acquire the specialized habits of industry more effectively than can the student who has another set of specialized habits acquired in an engineering school, but who lacks the broad foundation necessary for further progress and development. That the General Electric Company is not unique in reaching this conclusion is attested this year by the experience of one Ohio college. The agents of twelve different concerns recruiting men for engineering positions have by unanimous choice given first rank to a particular senior. And this man has not taken a single course in engineering.

With engineering and commerce, as well as the professional schools, emphasizing the dangers of too early specialization, there appears to be little ground for pessimism with reference to the future of the first class liberal arts college.

Residum

By Alice K. Lersch, '27

Oberlin is ready, once more, to present a group of seniors for the testing of Life. Four years have been specifically devoted to the preparation, and the result is — what?

Look back, a moment, upon us as freshmen. We were mere children then, reaching out our arms with the assurance of healthy youngsters, eager for the pot of gold at the foot of the rainbow. We came, as all freshmen seem to do, with lofty visions, with assurance, self-confidence, and devotion to ideas and ideals all of which we were anxious to explain and demonstrate. We were grinned at, of course, because of our verdancy, but we laughed in the face of embarrassment with that fresh spirit Chaucer interprets as gaiety. We were not afraid of intricate windings in the path ahead of us. We were eager to trace them out and quite ready to explain how it was to be done.

We remember well the end of the first six weeks and the accompanying blue-book blues. We were unexpectedly sobered. We decided that perhaps it would be wiser to stop (a little more) at the library; to watch (a little closer) the way upper-classmen planned their work; to listen (even more) to the words of our professors, to the wisdom that so often had been wasted on deaf ears. I do not mean to say that we lost our enthusiasm or our ideas, but as the year wore on we became aware that there were many other viewpoints which we had not known before or even suspected. *Our* world dwindled and the world about us became more immense and unfathomable. This humbling of our spirits was one of the great milestones. Not until we reached that attitude could we realize how narrow our own experience had been and the breadth of the fields we still must explore.

We began to dig. We burrowed in this subject or that. We discovered that the whole system of education was wrong. We tried to change it. There was beauty and inspiration in music. We "took it up" or rather we allowed it to engulf us for a time. There was art, too, and atrocious names one ought to connect with it. There were new freshmen to be tamed. There were old rules to be changed, because the newer generations had outgrown their usefulness. We became infuriated with particular professors, (We did not know enough to thank them for making us think) and devoted to others. We took psychology and acquired complexes. We learned that we were not so very different from other student generations. We took philosophy and found that many men had had ideas about life — rather subtle ideas, too. We began to revise our own scheme of living a bit. We chose a major because we must.

And we began to be conscious of Oberlin as Oberlin. After all, just "belonging" meant a great deal. We talked, now, of "our Doctor Andrews," and "our Prexy" in "our chapel." Most of us, if not all, began to know that we had been the recipients for three years of a great enriching experience, and we had given little for what we had received. As a result our one remaining year looked all too short and inadequate.

The senior year has brought to all of us a deep appreciation of friends found here. When we think of going away — of June — one of the first regrets is that of being

separated from our class mates. Time and time again, during the last month, I have heard senior girls say, "It wouldn't be so hard to go if it weren't for leaving all my friends. Why — I probably will never see you again after this June!" There's real regret in such thoughts. Our college friends mean much more to us than did high school chums. We have lived more intimately with college friends, thought with them, sympathized and struggled with them. It has been a question of "finding out" together, rather than competing against each other.

The result of our combined searching, this "finding out," is the great thing we carry away with us. We call it, for lack of a better name, an attitude of mind or an attitude of life, if you will. At any rate it is a way of looking at things and, we think, a sound way. We have, most of us, a philosophy of life that has been built on the substantial results of our doubts and labors. We have justifiable tastes and opinions concerning music, art, religion, and literature, the fundamental things in a cultural life. Many, many seniors, realizing this cultural side of Oberlin life, say, "We haven't attained anything really practical, anything to go out and use next year. We don't expect others to feel as we do about these things." I wonder. Perhaps they are mistaken. Maybe we have found the most practical equipment after all. Surely it is resourceful. Surely it is delightful. It has given us a new assurance. It deepens our sincerity. It enriches our gaiety, for we are still gay.

We are continually being reminded that our four years in Oberlin have been ideal years in an ideal world. "The world into which you are going after graduation," the wise warn us, "isn't going to be like this. You will find your hardest task in becoming re-adjusted to it." Yes. We grant truth in that but we won't let it limit our spontaneity.

I have passed over a multitude of happenings and opportunities and joys that have made the last four years wonderful and happy. There were struggles, too, many of them. We do not forget them but we ignore them. Not all of us have accomplished all we would have liked to do. The four years behind us have been years of wandering, of groping, of experiment, of unraveling the mystery of life, of searching, of joy. We have wound through the labyrinths of doubt, perused the text books of fact, peered into a myriad of worlds, "emblazoned" our presence upon the campus, and now we are waiting anew on the verge of a strange world.

We are, more or less, like the illustration one of the seniors made the other day. "Did you ever make Easter eggs?" he said. "Well, sometimes I think we've turned out as they do. You put them, all much the same, into your kettle of dye and you leave them there for a specified time. But when you take them out for inspection they are all different. Some are colored beautifully. Those are the ones that took the dye perfectly. There are some whose outside color is poor but if you pull off the shells you see the stuff has gone inside. Then there are the mottled ones. I sometimes think they are best of all."

We've had our four years of exposure to the dye. We're being lifted out to see how we "took." We're ready for distribution. We carry the stamp of Oberlin and we're still looking for the pot of gold.

Herr Bischoff

By Harold Nathaniel Skidmore, '22, t'26

It is not at all an uncommon thing to find the Oberlin student ready to scoff at the word *Service*, and ready to be most highly amused when he hears it, as he so continually



Herr Bischoff

does from the Chapel platform. Indeed, he will tell you quite frankly that he he never wishes to hear the word again. Yet, wherever Oberlin men and women are found, whatever work they are doing, consciously or unconsciously they are motivated by the great Oberlin ideal of self-giving which is contained in this word *Service*. As evidence of this is the fact that all over the world there are thousands of people who, "if they

know Oberlin at all, think of her as a college which emphasizes *Service* as an essential to good citizenship."

Now, it is quite evident that this ideal is not established in the lives of Oberlin students by preaching alone. Rather it is maintained because in Oberlin they see the value of the ideal constantly proved in the lives of the men and women who in subtle and unostentatious ways live it. John K. Bischoff is one of the many whose work demonstrates this ideal.

Mr. Bischoff was born in Germany in Frankfort-on-the-Main in 1861. Upon the completion of his "Gymnasium" education in his fathertown, he entered the Missionary Training School at Basel, Switzerland, in 1879. His intention to prepare for missionary work in either India, West Africa, or China was interrupted by the serious impairment of the sight of one eye. This forced him to give up the plan for work in a tropical climate, but he immediately volunteered for a five-year term of service as pastor among German immigrants in America. Following his ordination in old "Three King's Chapel" in his native city, Mr. Bischoff and his young wife set out for Lorain, Ohio, in July, 1885. For ten years in Lorain, which was then only a fisherman's village, Mr. Bischoff worked as pastor, organist, school teacher and physician. (Every student at Basel Training School was

forced to study medicine and surgery.) Again ill health forced Mr. Bischoff to change his plans. Larynx trouble put an end to the work in Lorain and a specialist advised a move away from the severe lake winds. A pastorate at Marion, Ohio, was undertaken but with no improvement in health. Mr. and Mrs. Bischoff then came to Oberlin in order that they might educate their two sons.

They took a house on the Finney property, where now stands the Finney chapel. Here they took in boy roomers and boarders and talked German at the table. Two years later, 1900, they took a larger house on West Lorain street near the present Men's Building. This they established as a girls' dormitory with men coming in for board, as was common in those days. Nothing but German was to be spoken at the table. Mrs. Bischoff was matron—a lady of dignity and poise, yet of sympathy and understanding, who mothered her students with as much care as her own boys. She demanded the best of her young charges for their best was in her eyes none too good for Oberlin. Herr Bischoff, too, contributed to their training in German and in character and was the life of the table with his stories and jokes. During this time he was assisting the German department of the college by correcting papers and acting as substitute teacher. Besides, he did much private tutoring.

The German House was one of the popular dormitories. President Barrows was a frequent guest. He never failed to attend the German plays.

In 1909 when George Feick, the contractor of Oberlin's new buildings, was looking for a right-hand man to supervise their building, he engaged Herr Bischoff. It was under the eye of Mr. Bischoff that the Men's Building, Rice Hall, Keep Cottage, Administration Building, the power plant and the addition to Warner gymnasium were erected.

While still engaged in this work Mr. Bischoff took



The German House, 1902 - 3

charge of the Men's Building and there then began a term of quietly effective service and friendliness to the men of Oberlin. From the very beginning of the year when all of the boys come flocking in, all wanting something, a room, a room-mate, work to do, some change of plan, or just a bit of encouragement, to the very end of the year when the last trunk has been dragged away, he is good-naturedly striving for the comfort and happiness of "his boys." It is the boy who is in trouble that knows him best and who knows how constantly this little man will work to bring to him the aid of friendliness and good counsel.

Then came the war. It was not easy for this man who had so devotedly given of himself in a country now fighting against his Fatherland. His sons went off into army service. 1918 brought the S. A. T. C. unit to Oberlin and turned the Men's Building into a barracks. Mr. Bischoff continued to represent the college in its relation to the building. When the "Flu" epidemic came he was immediately put in charge of the hospital there. A paragraph which appeared in the "Review" at the end of that period is the best testimony of his work then. The article, signed by "The Boys," was as follows.

"Now that the 'flu' epidemic is over, it seems that there should be some word spoken of the tireless energy of 'the little father' to all the boys in the barracks. The Oberlin unit has been extremely fortunate in the small number of serious cases; and by no means a small proportion of the credit should go to him whose constant watchfulness caught many an illness before it could become serious. From morning till night he was here, there, and everywhere with his thermometer, medicine and kind advice, to say nothing of his never-ending good humor. Will Mr. Bischoff please accept the thanks of The Boys?"

In 1919 the Men's Commons was first instituted and those who were in Oberlin then will remember the varying fortunes of the enterprise in the first two years. In the Spring of 1921 it was seen that a thorough reorganization of the plan for a dining room in the M. B. must be undertaken. At last Mr. Bischoff was persuaded to undertake its management. In a short address to the men he told them what would be needed in coöperation with him and from that time the success of the Commons was assured.

Only those most closely associated with him in the task know the tireless efforts of Herr Bischoff to give to the Oberlin men good meals in a good environment. The buying of supplies, the management of new employees, the obtaining of new machinery and equipment, the planning of the meals and the endless details of this new task in addition to the regular work of the building, all went on with surprising effectiveness. All complaints and demands, from the need for a new dish washer or potato peeler, to the demand for more butter for freshmen were met by the same unflinching good nature. It was not an easy task; it was not always a pleasant one, but the coöperation was splendid and the leadership of this man was ever kindly and sympathetic.

There has been much said and written about the housing problem for the men of Oberlin. Herr Bischoff has had to cope with this problem and with great skill he has used the building that has been in his care.

Many of those who read this and have been in Oberlin in the last quarter century will be able to add endless incidents of the kindness, sympathy, and thoroughly natural and effective self-giving of this beloved man. It is good to be privileged to thus let him know of our lasting appreciation.

The Supremacy of Christ

By President Henry Churchill King

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"Art thou he that cometh, or look we for another?"—Matthew 11:3.

Luke deliberately places early in his Gospel his narrative of the self-revelation of Jesus in the synagogue at Nazareth. For Luke sees here Christ's own chosen view of his ministry, as God has committed it to him; and his own chosen way of putting it before his people. The passage from Isaiah which Jesus read in the synagogue at Nazareth is, as we have seen, a part of the putting of the whole supremacy of Jesus:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
Because he anointed me to preach good tidings to
the poor;
He hath sent me to proclaim release to the captives,
And recovering of sight to the blind,
To set at liberty them that are bruised,
To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

It is deeply significant that Jesus stops in the midst of this passage from Isaiah, and omits the phrase: "and the day of vengeance of our God."

Jesus expressly asserts that this passage in its full spiritual sense is his ordainment by God, and he lays strong emphasis on the good news which he proclaims—a good news of joy, of love, of liberty, of light, of health, and of spiritual authority. These are modern emphases—

every one—though they still root directly in the spirit and teaching of Christ.

First of all, Christ knew that joy has its own most important contribution to make. We are made for joy. For joy helps capacity for work, capacity to bear, capacity to help others. Deep joy, too, is a spring of everlasting life.

And the good news of joy links itself up directly with the greatest good news of universal love. There is no joy like that born of the conviction brought by Christ that a heart like Christ's own is at the heart of the world—the heart of a true father, the very essence of religion. Nothing less will truly suffice. For it is no little incidental matter which Christ here brings us. It is only through the supreme revealing of the heart of God in Christ that supreme meaning is given to life. And this significance Christ means steadily to bring to men. If we have anything supreme to give at all to other men in Christ, it is because Christ is himself supreme.

"Yea through life, death, through sorrow and through sinning,

He shall suffice me, for he hath sufficed;
Christ is the end, for Christ was the beginning.
Christ the beginning, for the end is Christ."

And the good news which Christ brings is not only a

gospel of joy and of love, it is a gospel of *liberty*. Christ is deliverer, emancipator of souls. For true liberty gives one possession of himself and of all the powers of capacity for development. Jesus believes he was sent to proclaim "release to the captives and to set at liberty them that are bruised."

And the good news is not only a gospel of joy, a gospel of love, and a gospel of liberty, but a gospel of *light*. Christ gives sight to the blind, capacity to discern the truth. His revelation is so fitted to the human soul that the soul can respond to it, can take it as its own, can reassert it. Christ opens our eyes, he does not simply see for us; he opens our eyes to new visions of a great new humanity, world-wide, age-long, here and hereafter.

And the gospel of joy, of love, of liberty, of light, implies a gospel of *health* as well, of wholeness of life. Christ comes with a tender reverence for the neediest souls, to set at liberty them that are bruised. "A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory." The very spirit of this prophetic passage must be universally sympathetic. There are no limitations.

Once more, the message which Jesus took from Isaiah is not only a message of consummate good will, but also a message of inescapable *spiritual authority*. The authority of Jesus is an authority that comes out of experience in fellowship with the Father. It comes from first-hand knowledge. And the authority of Jesus seems to have been felt accordingly throughout his ministry. "He taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes."

Nor can one stop here, in his view of the supremacy of Christ. However far one goes in ascribing to Paul a dominant influence upon the doctrinal forms which Christianity took on, unless he is prepared to make Paul contradict himself in the deepest substance of his own

Christian faith, he must still make Christ supreme. In the whole range of Christian history there are no such confessions of Christ as those of Paul. Take, for example, the passage in Galatians:

"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I that live, but Christ liveth in me; and that life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith which is in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself up for me."

This is far removed from anything like independence of Christ. Rather here is a sense of absolute dependence upon Christ.

We are today in the midst of the most unbridled criticism of morals and religion, and at the same time the most fearless defense of spiritual values. Does this mean that we must give up the supremacy of Christ? Or is Fairbairn still right when he says of Christ: "He is the greatest in the greatest sphere"? Is there any other personality whom we can for an instant put beside him, whether we are thinking of great moral motives or of great religious convictions and inspirations? For example, take the word which Stanley Jones quotes from a thoughtful Hindu: "There is no one else who is seriously bidding for the heart of the world except Jesus Christ. There is no one else on the field." Something very like this seems to be expressing itself in the best thinking of China and Japan. The Orient gives a far greater place to Christ himself than to Occidental theologies.

"Art thou he that cometh, or look we for another?"

Members of the Graduating Class:

It is your supreme privilege to be the messengers of abiding good tidings. It is yours in particular to proclaim the good news of joy, of love, of liberty, of light, of health, of spiritual authority. These are supreme values, and they alone give supreme meaning to life. If you have anything supreme to give at all to other men in Christ it is because Christ is himself supreme.

Almost But Not Quite

By Myrddyn Evans, '27

After having finished their indoor running season with their work in the Cleveland Relays, the Oberlin track squad opened their outdoor program for the year by entering the Ohio Relays at Columbus and by entertaining Ohio Northern on the Oberlin oval and field. A trip to New Concord followed and there Lumley and his boys opposed Muskingum. Case and then Wooster followed in order, the Scientists having been visitors in Oberlin while the Yeoman helped to furnish some of the color in the annual Color Day at Wooster.

Oberlin did things up in fine style in the Cleveland Relays. The mile baton team, which that evening listed Captain Harrar, Waters, Kydd and Miller, competed with the steppers from Hiram, Case, Reserve and Wooster, although the real struggle was between Case, Wooster and Oberlin. Harrar started the last lap of the race

tied with Wooster's final representative and about ten yards behind the Cleveland Scientist sprinter. A beautiful spurt in the last few yards enabled the Yeomen captain to bring the victory to the crimson and gold. That was on April 16.

April 23 the Oberlin runners attempted to fill two bills at once, with the result that they made a good showing in each of the two meets they entered, though they failed to gain first honors in either. At the Ohio Relays, which were held at Columbus, the officials of the meet juggled themselves into a bit of a mixup and the Oberlin two-mile relay team almost found themselves eliminated from their race even before the starter pulled the trigger. A protest by the Oberlin and Cincinnati teams brought the two in a feature run and in that race the Yeomen artists made the second best time of any two-mile relay team in the meet.

Meanwhile other of the Lumley students had stayed at home so that

Ohio Northern might find some opposition when they came to visit Oberlin. It was a decidedly weakened Oberlin team which faced the visitors that afternoon and the going was a bit too rough so that the Northerners won the fray 76½ to 54½. The visiting aggregation opened the work by taking all three places in the shot-put, for Hanshary was at Columbus, and not even once throughout the meet was Oberlin able to overcome that lead, or to come within more than five points of overcoming it. Downes did excellent work for the stay-at-homes by winning the century and the 220, while Brooks placed third in the mile and won the two-mile event. Considering the fact that Harrar, Hoecker, Waters, Kydd and Hansbary were all missing, the Yeomen runners upon whom the burden did fall worked exceptionally well.

BREAK RECORDS FOR MUSKI

The entire Oberlin squad was present at New Concord and so the Muskingum hosts were conquered 76-55.

The meet was rather a record-breaking affair for the comparatively new track of which Muskingum boasts. In doing the damage to former marks, Oberlin runners did their full share. Harrar set a new mark for their quarter mile; Hansbary tossed the shot to a new distance; Hubbard beat down their high hurdle mark; Watters, Kydd, Hoecker and Harrar clipping some 14 seconds from their relay record.

100-yard dash—Kydd (O), first; Hansbary (O), 2; Clark (M), 3. Time—10.5 seconds.

220-yard dash—Clark (M), first; Hoecker (O), 2; Angus (M), 3. Time—22.9 seconds.

440-yard dash—Harrar (O), first; Hoecker (O), 2; Angus (M), 3. Time—50.6 seconds.

880-yard dash—Watters (O), first; Lampman (O), 2; Miller (O), 3. Time—2:05½.

Mile run—Lampman (O), first; Cochran (M), 2; Brooks (O), 3. Time—4:47.

Two-mile run—Garrett (M), first; Brooks (O), 2; Malaku (M), 3. Time—10:37.

120-yard high hurdles—Hubbard (O) first; Hansbary (O), 2; Wilson (M), 3. Time 16.6 seconds.

220-yard low hurdles—Bell (M), first; Clark (M), 2; Lies (O), 3. Time—27 seconds.

Shot put—Hansbary (O), first; Bradbury (M), 2; Hockman (M), 3. Distance—38 feet 5½ inches.

High jump—Stocker (O) and Bradbury (M), tied for first; Borton (O), third. Height—5 feet 5 inches.

Discuss throw—Cervený (O), first; Hockman (M), 2; Ketcham (O), 3. Distance—111 feet 11½ inches.

Javelin throw—Thompson (M), first; Stocker (O), 2; Bradbury (M), 3. Distance—164 feet 11½ inches.

Broad jump—Bradbury (M), first; Hoecker (O), 2; Jamison (O), 3. Distance—19 feet 9½ inches.

Mile relay—Oberlin (Watters, Hoecker, Kydd, Harrar). Time—3:34.

SUNSHINE AND VICTORY

The weather was perfect for a track meet on May 7 and Oberlin took full advantage of the fact in severely trouncing Case 71½ to 59½. The college pole vault record of 11 feet 7 inches (the meet was held in Oberlin) was raised to a slightly more dignified height by Jones when he cleared the cross-bar at 11 feet 8½ inches in winning the event for Oberlin. Case had a decided edge in the field events and gobbled four of the possible six firsts therein, but the Yco-men work on the cinders fully made up for any loss in high scores in the field events. The Scientists seemed to lack enough material of ability to score in the lesser point places and in

the seconds and thirds Oberlin speedsters had their own way almost entirely.

100-yard dash—Vaughn (C), first; Kydd (O), 2; Hansbary (O), 3. Time—10.2 seconds.

Mile run—Lowe (C), first; Watters (O), 2; Lampman (O), 3. Time—4:42.8.

440-yard dash—Harrar (O), first; Tichy (C), 2; Hoecker (O), 3. Time—52.4.

120-yard high hurdles—Hansbary (O) and Cain (C), tied for first; Hubbard (O), third. Time—15.8 seconds.

220-yard dash—Kydd (O) and Vaughn (C) tied for first; Downes (O), third. Time—22 seconds.

880-yard run—Harrar (O), first; Kemble (C), 2; Watters (O), 3. Time—2:05.6.

220 yard low hurdles—Cain (C), first; Gowdy (O), 2; Junge (C), 3. Time—25.9 seconds.

Two-mile run—Brooks (O), first; Gregory (C), 2; Day (C), 3. Time—10:26.9.

Mile relay—Oberlin, first. Time—3:30.

Pole vault—Jones (O), first; Woodworth (O), 2; Cover (O), Peterjohn (C), and Kumler (C), tied for third. Height—11 feet 8½ inches.

Shot put—Hansbary (O), first; Doll (C), 2; Parr (C), 3. Distance—39 feet 5½ inches.

High jump—Byrns (C), first; Borton and Stocker (O), tied for second. Height—5 feet 10 3/4 inches.

Discuss—Doll (C), first; Cervený (O), 2; Parr (C), 3. Distance—115 feet ½ inch.

Javelin—Doll (C), first; Jamison (O), 2; Stocker (O), 3. Distance—160 feet.

Broad jump—Junge (C), first; Hoecker (O), 2; Jamison (O), 3. Distance—20 feet 4 inches.

RAIN, MUD AND DEFEAT

It is rather difficult to picture a track meet in a magazine report of the same because the affair is so filled with color and life and feeling that an accurate description would crowd out the actual results of the meet. But if any meet should be described it is the Wooster-Oberlin affair which was held at Wooster. Rain? It poured! Mud? Oozy oodles of it! The times? Terribly slow. Abominably slow. The winner? Wooster, 90-41. For some reason or other Oberlin did not seem to be able to get under way in the mud. Maybe the tiresome bus ride from Oberlin to Wooster just preceding the meet contributed to their downfall. The results:

Pole vault—Moore (W), Gehrig (W) and Woodworth (O), tied for first. Height—10 feet 10 inches.

Shot put—Saurer (W), won; Hansbary (O), 2; Cervený (O), 3. Distance—38 feet 2 inches.

100-yard dash—Hanna (W), won; Secrist (W), 2; Hansbary (O), 3. Time—10.4 seconds.

Mile run—Crothers (W), won; McMinn (W), 2; Lampman (O), 3. Time—4 m 53s.

High jump—Borton (O), won; Snyder (W) and Arscott (W), tied for second. Height—5ft. 4in.

440-yard dash—Hanna (W), won; Harrar (O), 2; Monroe (W), 3. Time—51.8s.

Discus—Cervený (O), won; McVicker (W), 2; Madzia (W), 3. Distance—112ft. 9in.

120-yard high hurdles—Hubbard (O) won; Hansbary (O), 2; Lies (O), 3. Time—16.7s.

220-yard dash—Secrist (W), won; Kydd (O), 2; Metzger (W), 3. Time—23.2s.

Javelin—Frey (W), won; Gould (W), 2; Jamison (O), 3. Distance—158ft. 4in.

Half mile—Crothers (W), won; Watters (O), 2; Harrar (O), 3. Time—2m. 4.4s.

Broad jump—Destler (W), won; Snyder (W), 2; Woodbridge (W), 3. Distance—20ft. 5in.

220-yard low hurdles—Griffiths (W), won; Metzgar (W), 2; Hansbary (O), 3. Time—27.8s.

Two mile—G. Vanschaack (W), won; R. Vanschaack (W), 2; Brooks (O), 3. Time—10m. 26.9s.

Mile relay—Wooster won (Harding, Crothers, Monroe, Hanna). Time—3m. 33.8s.

NINE RECORDS BROKEN

Almost one year ago Oberlin entertained some hundreds of athletes from colleges and universities from all over Ohio, the occasion having been the Big Six track carnival. This season, May 21, Oberlin entertained about 150 athletes from nine of the colleges in northern Ohio, the occasion having been the N. E. O. A. A. track meet. N. E. O. A. A. stands, supposedly, for the Northeastern Ohio Athletic Association, although just why it is called Northeastern nobody seems definitely to know. More properly it would be called the Northern Ohio Athletic Association.

At any rate, that the officials of that organization should have chosen Oberlin as the site for their second annual meet, (the first of these carnivals having been held at Wooster last year and having come as an offspring of the Buckeye move) that Oberlin should have been chosen as the site for this year may well be accepted as a fine compliment to the Oberlin authorities for the efficient and excellent manner in which the Big Six was handled by them last year.

Oberlin, for reasons which may very easily be found in the summary, played very finely the part of the

polite host and gallant and did not win the meet. That honor was granted to Case. But Oberlin did romp into third place, with Wooster holding the second honors. That Wooster position was in truth, the biggest surprise of the classic for the Presbyterians were strong favorites for the first honors before the meet was called, while Case, although victors in this larger meet, had been defeated by both Wooster and Oberlin in dual clashes.

Oberlin had almost one entire week of rain before the meet, but on Friday the elements changed color decidedly and by Saturday afternoon the sun was beaming down with offerings of sweltering heat, and this was not accompanied by any cooling breeze at all. In other words, the track had been soaked enough so that it was not dusty; it was dry enough to be wonderfully firm; and the weather was ideal for a running classic.

And a classic it turned out to be. Nine records were broken, three of which were Big Six marks. Long of Northern put the shot 43 feet 6 inches, breaking the old Big Six record by almost a foot and bettering the N. E. O. mark by almost four feet. Sommerfield of Reserve threw the discus 127 feet 2½ inches, bettering the Big Six throw by one and one-half feet.

But the finest of the Big Six marks to fall was that of the 440-yard dash. Soughton of Otterbein ran the distance in last year's Big Six in 49.4 seconds. In the N. E. O. meet last year Harrar covered the distance in 51.2 seconds. This year Hanna, the sophomore flash from Wooster, ran his quarter in 49.2 and even so, ended up but one stride ahead of Harrar. It was a beautiful race with these two men monopolizing all of the interest. "Dutch" made a terrible effort to regain the lead which had been his until the last few yards, but it was too much.

The other N. E. O. records to fall were in the javelin, the mile, the high hurdles, the half, the two mile and the relay. The Javelin mark was lengthened to 162 feet 11 inches by "Dopey" Doll, pride of Case. Cain of Case took the high hurdles in 16.1 seconds.

Anderson of Ohio Northern put forth one of the gamest fights of the entire meet when he led Crothers of Wooster around the oval for almost four laps in the mile, only to have Crothers come down the final stretch with a dashing sprint which left the

plucky Northern man a few feet arrears at the tape. The time was 4 minutes and 26 seconds, another new N. E. O. mark.

Crothers also took the half in 1 minute 59.2 seconds, the speedy time having been largely due to Harrar who, although finishing in third place, pushed the Wooster flash until just before the end when the struggle got the best of the Oberlin leader.

Brooks of Oberlin lowered his time for the two-mile journey from 10 minutes 13.6 seconds to 10 minutes 8.2 seconds. The Van Schaak twins of Wooster had been slated as heavy winners for the event, but failed miserably. Brooks, taking things rather easily at the first of the race, had things his own way from the sixth lap on. When he passed the starter on his last trip around the oval he started to gradually increase his speed. At that time he was just a few feet ahead of Greene of Hiram, but so regular in increasing speed was his one-lap sprint that the Yeoman crossed the finish fully 60 yards ahead of Gregory of Case who took second place.

This first taken by Brooks was Oberlin's only clear first. Woodworth tied with Campbell of Ohio Northern for first place in the pole vault.

A summary of the meet follows:

Case won, 52.2 points; Wooster (2), 45.7; Oberlin (3), 36.2; Ohio Northern (4), 33.7; Reserve (5), 29; Hiram (6), 18; Akron (7), 8; Baldwin-Wallace (8), 1; Mt. Union (9), .2.

100-yard dash—Won by Hanna (W); Craig (H), second; Fellingner (R), third; Vaughn (3), fourth; Secrist (W), fifth. Time—:10 1-5.

Shot put—Won by Long (O.N.); Sommerfield (R), second; Doll (C), third; Sauer (W), fourth; Tildes (R) fifth. Distance—43 feet, 6 inches.

Mile run—Won by Crothers (W); Anderson (O.N.), second; Lowe (C), third; Williams (A), fourth; Lampman (O), fifth. Time—4:26 1-10.

440-yard dash—Won by Hanna (W); Harrar (O), 2; Monroe (W), 3; Hoecker (O), 4; Tichy (C), 5. Time—:49.2. (Big Six record.)

120-yard high hurdles—Won by Cain (C); Doll (C), 2; Hansbary (O), 3; Union (A), 4; Althans (R), 5. Time—:16.1. (New meet record.)

220-yard dash—Won by Craig (H); Vaughn (C), 2; Secrist (W), 3; Kydd (O), 4; Platz (R), 5. Time—:22.3 seconds.

880-yard dash—Won by Crothers (W); Watters (O), 2; Harrar (O), 3; Kemble (C), 4; West (C), 5. Time—1:59.2. (New meet record.)

220-yard low hurdles—Won by Cain (C); Union (A), 2; Barr (H), 3; Griffiths (W), 4; Althans (R), 5. Time—:26.6.

Pole vault—Won by Woodworth (O)

and Campbell (O.N.), tied for first and second; Brown (R), 3; Peterjohn (C), 4; Jones (O) and Gehring (W) tied for fifth. Height—11 feet 5½ inches.

Discus—Won by Sommerfield (R); Franz (N), 2; Doll (C), 3; Cameron (N), 4; Cervený (O), 5. Distance—127 feet 2½ inches. (New Big Six record.)

High jump—Won by Byrnes (C); Clark (N), Arscott (W), and Turner (R), tied for second, third and fourth; Borton (O), Bingham (C), Snow (N), Raley (W), and Bair (Mt. U.) tied for fifth. Height—6 feet 13-8 inches.

Two-mile run—Won by Brooks (O); Gregory (C), 2; Green (H), 3; R. Vanschaack (W), 4; S. Vanschaack (W), 5. Time—10 minutes 8.2 seconds. (New meet record.)

Broad jump—Won by Snow (N); Smith (R), 2; Craig (H), 3; Bertles (N), 4; Fellingner (R), 5. Distance—20 feet 11½ inches.

Javelin throw—Won by Doll (C); Lehman (N), 2; Frey (W), 3; Stocker (O), 4; Fox (B-W), 5. Distance—162 feet, 11 inches. (New meet record.)

Mile relay—Won by Wooster (Harrar, Crothers, Hanna and Monroe); Oberlin, 2; Case, 3; Reserve, 4; Ohio Northern, 5. Time—3:25.4. (New meet record.)

MORE RAIN SPOILS TENNIS

Oberlin's tennis team, which this year is being managed by Frank Hines, '24, was slated to open the net season April 23 with Heidelberg, but it rained. April 27 they were to have opposed Mt. Union, but it rained. On April 30 they were slated as opponents at Wooster, but it rained. Carnegie Tech was to have appeared here May 5, but Carnegie Tech cancelled the engagement. The Denison meet here May 14 was postponed. It rained.

Meanwhile, however, on May 4, the Heidelberg meet was played. It was an Oberlin victory with the Oberlinites having little trouble in gaining the laurels. The squad this year has Tessenvitz as the only veteran and students of the game had been a trifle shaky about the newer upholders of the Oberlin standards. They proved their mettle very well in that first meet for Heidelberg gained only one of the six matches played. The results were: Tessenvitz lost, 5-7, 6-4, 10-12; Danton won, 6-0, 6-0; Hawley won, 6-2, 9-7; Montague won, 6-0, 6-2; Danton and Tessenvitz won, 6-4, 6-4; Montague and Partridge won, 7-5, 6-3.

The racketeers journeyed to Muskingum-town on May 7 and while there gained for themselves more laurels, Muskingum having been able to capture but one doubles and one singles match from the visiting victors. Tessenvitz won, 6-4, 6-2; Danton won, 8-6, 8-6; Hawley lost, 6-2, 3-6, 4-6; Houck

won, 6-1, 7-5; Danton and Tessenvitz won, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3; Hawley and Houck lost, 4-6, 3-6.

LOSE AND WIN AT BASEBALL

The opening baseball game was postponed because one certain Mr. Pluvius was entirely too much in evidence in the Rubber town. Oberlin finally succeeded in breaking into the conference diamond competition by losing to Denison, April 30. But it was a tough loss. A single run was the price. The score was 1-0. Burnett was pitching for the Oberlin squad and the ace of the moundsmen this year was in a hurling duel with Allen. "Cece" held the visitors scoreless until the final round, but then things fell. The first Denison batsman drew a walk. A neat drive to left sent him to second and a double steal, though pulled on successive pitches, put Denisonians on second and third. An attempted squeeze play forced out the batsman on a foul and the second out came through a pop-fly to Leahy. It began to look as though Denison might not score after all. The Denisonian who was on third drew a throw to that base by a big lead. It was well worth the chance though, for as the ball came zipping to the bag, he dashed home. Roemer tried to cut him off by heaving to Wilder but the throw was none too good and he crossed the here-to-fore virgin plate in safety, and the game was lost.

Oberlin, in their last stand, pushed runners to second and third but the Denison mentor sent in a new pitcher and, although he had two outs to go, Oberlin was unable to score.

The second hard luck game was played in Cleveland with Reserve furnishing the opposition and winning 9-8. Again the Yeomen lost by one lone run, but this time the game went to 11 innings before the winning team was able to prove its superiority. The game itself was loosely played, errors having been made frequently and freely. Oberlin, due largely to Reserve mistakes, ran up a six-run lead in the first three frames and entered the ninth frame three runs to the good. The Clevelanders, however, bunched hits in this inning and before their allotment of three outs were filled they had tied the score. Neither team did much of anything in the tenth, but in the second of the extra innings the Pioneers parked a man on third with one out and then, on a slow

grounder to second, brought him in with the winning run. For the second time the ninth inning brought bad news to Oberlin for it was Thrasher's bingle in that inning which started the Reserve rally.

NORTHERNS OVERCOME

The first victory of the season came to Oberlin with Kiracofe on the mound, with Ohio Northern as the sufferers, and with the final score standing 8-3. Oberlin combined timely hitting and good pitching in that game and the result was highly satisfactory for it brought a rather unexpected victory to the Yeomen, the Northerners having arrived in Oberlin with great talk of their four-game winning streak. Kiracofe, starting in his first Oberlin game, was shaky at the start, but with good support from the men in both the infield and the outfield he soon strengthened and had things practically his own way. He struck out an even dozen of the opposing batsmen and of that dozen nine faced him in the last four innings. Oberlin gathered 11 hits in the game, two of which were triples, Zwick and Collin each swatting out a three-bagger. The box score of Oberlin's first baseball victory for 1927 is:

Ohio Northern	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Parcel, rf	5	1	1	0	0	0
Hyzer, lf	4	1	1	2	0	0
Henninger, 2b	3	0	2	1	1	0
Stumpf, 3b	4	0	0	0	3	1
Still, cf	4	0	1	1	0	0
Kattman, 1b	4	0	0	11	0	0
Simmons, p	4	0	1	0	1	0
Carpenter, c	2	0	1	3	1	1
Matz, c	2	0	0	4	0	0
Graves, ss	3	1	1	2	3	0
Totals	35	3	8	24	9	2
Oberlin	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Collin, ss	5	2	1	1	3	0
Roemer, 2b	5	3	3	4	4	1
Wilder, c	4	1	2	13	2	0
Fugi, cf	4	0	1	0	0	0
Schorr, 1b	4	2	2	9	0	0
Zwick, rf	4	0	1	0	0	0
Burnett, 3b	4	0	1	0	2	1
Secord, lf	4	0	0	0	1	0
Kiracofe, p	4	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	38	8	11	27	13	2

Summary: Three-base hits—Collin, Zwick; two-base hit—Parcel; struck out—by Kiracofe 12, by Simmons 5; base on balls—off Kiracofe 2, off Simmons 1; time of game, 2 hours.

PRACTICE GAME FOR OPPONENTS

On May 19 Coach Throner and his men arrived in Ithaca, N. Y., that home of Cornell having been their first stop on a three-day sojourn through the Empire state. While there the Yeomen

men faced the Cornellians, and promptly fell before the home outfit by a 12-0 score. For five long innings the score was held at 2-0 and Oberlin hopes were high, but the Cornell bats then proceeded to open fire and what had promised to be a gentle tie was suddenly bombarded into a thorough "white-wash." Cornell gathered 13 hits throughout the fray and made timely use of each of Oberlin's four errors. Froelich, who pitched for Cornell, held the visiting squad to two safe hits.

On the morrow, however, the travellers having become more or less accustomed to New York soil, played better ball. But still they lost, this time to Hamilton by a 3-2 score. The scoring was completed in the first three innings, Hamilton crossing the plate twice in the second and once again in the third, while Oberlin gained her counters in the first and second innings. Oberlin's second run came as the result of a bit of exhibition work on the part of Captain Schorr, the Yeoman first baseman having stolen second, then third and then home. Kiracofe held the mound for Oberlin and allowed but four hits. The close score has some little compensating qualities, however, for, if Hamilton did beat Oberlin, they also beat Colgate, and Colgate beat Michigan, and Michigan at present is leading the Big Ten percentage sheet.

At Rochester on Saturday Oberlin again lost, this time by a two to one score. Barnett pitched a one-hit game but that hit, coming in the fifth inning, brought in one run, while the other was granted to the Kodak men in the first inning after a mau had arrived on base via the "four balls" route. Oberlin managed to score one in the seventh, but could gain no more than that one lone tally.

Gifts to President and Mrs. King

Mrs. King was serenaded by the college girls on the evening of May 9, and upon her appearance was presented a handsome wrist watch. President King had been presented a watch in March by the men of the college. The Cosmopolitan Club, at the close of their public program, May 7, gave the President a fountain pen.

Sudden Death of Dr. Charles W. Morrison

Dr. Charles Walthall Morrison, for twenty-two years director of the Conservatory of Music, died suddenly May 16 at Coconut Grove, Florida. Since his retirement, three years ago, he had spent much of his time in Florida. One year he traveled in Europe.

Professor Morrison graduated from Oberlin Conservatory in 1880; in 1906 the college gave him his Mus.B. degree, and in 1908 the A.M. degree. Cornell College, Iowa, honored him with Mus.D. in 1910. Immediately upon graduation he was appointed an instructor in pianoforte, in which position he served 1880-2 and 1885-92. The three-year interval he spent in study abroad at Berlin and Leipzig. In 1892 he was made professor of pianoforte, and in 1902 became director of the Conservatory.



While deeply devoted to his work in the Conservatory he found time to enter into the other affairs of the college and community. He was for a number of years a member of the College prudential committee, a director of the Peoples Bank, trustee of the Second Church, and trustee and chairman of the hospital board.

The Conservatory, during his years as director, grew in numbers and in equipment, and greatly in quality of work. It was during this period that its rank was raised so that it stood on a par with the College of Arts and Sciences in scholarship. Thoroughness was ever his strong point.

Dr. Morrison was born at Covington, Kentucky, July 31, 1856. He married Kate Winship July 17, 1889. Mrs. Morrison was also a student in the Conservatory, graduating in 1885, having become an instructor in sing-

ing in 1884 and continuing to 1916.

They had one child, Helen, of the college class of 1911, now Mrs. Robert Riggs of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dr. Morrison is survived by Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Riggs and two grandsons. The funeral was held in Oberlin May 21, and burial was in Westwood cemetery.

Honors Day Inaugurated

The first Honors Day program at Oberlin was given May 5 in Finney Chapel. It consisted of the announcement of freshman, sophomore and junior honors, of the election to membership in Phi Beta Kappa, and an address. The various parts of the program, except the sophomore and junior announcements, have occurred in previous years, but this is the first time they have been brought together in a single day.

President King presided. Dr. Andrews preceded and concluded the program with organ music. Demuth's "Still, Still with Thee" was sung by the audience.

Dean Cole announced the class honors and Professor Grover, president of the Ohio Zeta chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa, announced the recipients of the keys. The address was given by Dr. James Rowland Angell, president of Yale University. His subject was "Scholarship as a Career," and he pointed out that one who chooses such a career will win his own respect and at the same time be a contribution to society. He showed that the demand was greater than ever for qualified men and women.

Graduate Honors

Graduate scholarships, assistantships and fellowships as announced by the college for next year are as follows:

Mark W. Eckles '27, University scholarship in English, Harvard.

Lowell Berry Kilgore, '23, m'25, Hopkins scholar, Johns Hopkins.

Mary E. Beebe, '27, graduate assistant in anatomy, School of Medicine, Western Reserve.

Frank T. de Vyver, '26, graduate assistant in economics, Princeton.

Clayton S. Ellsworth, '27, graduate assistant in ancient history, Cornell.

Martin L. Grant, '27, graduate assistant in botany, Minnesota.

Robert A. Loes, '27, graduate assistant in chemistry, Oberlin.

Ruth Nichols, '27, graduate assistant in chemistry, Oberlin.

William A. Nichols, '25, graduate assistant in chemistry, Illinois.

Suzanne G. Smith, '27, graduate assistant in zoölogy, Oberlin.

Helen M. TeWinkel, '26, graduate assistant in physiology, Mt. Holyoke.

Lois Evelyn TeWinkel, '25, graduate assistant in zoölogy, Barnard, Columbia.

Everett W. Thatcher, '26, graduate assistant in physics, Purdue.

Charles E. Whitney, graduate assistant in chemistry, Oberlin.

Violet M. Andrews, '27, fellowship in mathematics, Northwestern.

Madeline E. Field, '25, holder of the Gilchrist-Potter prize fund awarded by Oberlin.

Dorothea F. French, '27, fellowship in Lowthorpe School of Landscape Architecture, Boston.

Ruth M. Hubbard, '24, m'25 Minnesota, Laura Spelman Rockefeller fellowship in psychology, Columbia.

Samuel C. Kendeigh, '26, graduate fellowship in botany, Nebraska.

John F. King, '17, A.M. '19 Harvard, Ph.D. '21, Johns Hopkins, Exchange Fellow, University of Munich, Germany.

Laurine E. Mack, '25, Carnegie fellowship in fine arts, Radcliffe.

Sarah B. MacLennan, '25, m'26, holder of the A. A. F. Johnston fellowship awarded by Oberlin.

Norman W. Metcalf, '24, m'25, graduate fellowship in chemistry, Illinois.

Wendell S. Niederhauser, '24, m'26, Albert Plant fellowship in chemistry, Princeton.

David M. Robb, '26, Carnegie fellowship in fine arts, Princeton.

John V. Vaughen, '25, Dupont Fellowship in chemistry, Johns Hopkins.

Robert C. Williams, '25, graduate fellowship in chemistry, Leland Stanford.

To Encourage Debate

To encourage debate and make it more profitable for those who try out as well as those who succeed in making the intercollegiate teams, Professor Utterback is offering for next year a debate seminar carrying a three-hour credit. The members of the seminar will be selected by open competition soon after college begins in September. Later on from this seminar group will be chosen the varsity debaters.

"Ned Bosworth, New Dean of Men

Edward F. Bosworth has been selected as Oberlin's next dean of men. He will succeed Professor Carl C. W. Nicol, who has resigned in order to devote his full time to the department of philosophy.

The selection of Mr. Bosworth was made by the general council of the faculty and has been approved by the trustee committee on appointments. Final action will be taken by the trustees in June.



Mr. Bosworth brings to his position an experience based upon life in three college communities and a big city. He was born in Oberlin, son of Dr. and Mrs. Edward I. Bosworth, and lived there till his graduation from college in 1916. He then spent four years in business in Minneapolis, returning to Oberlin in 1920 and entering the graduate school of Theology. Following the receipt of his B.D. degree in 1923 he became pastor of the Congregational church at Grand Forks, N. D., the seat of the University of North Dakota. In 1926 the church at Grinnell, Iowa, invited him to become their pastor and he accepted.

Mr. Bosworth is the first dean of men to give his full time to that office.

While in college "Ned" was an active participant in student affairs. He was a class officer and a member of the Y. M. C. A. cabinet, of Alpha Zeta, of the football and track teams.

Faculty

Dr. F. H. Foster was one of the speakers at the diamond jubilee of the Ohio Congregational conference which held its anniversary meeting at Lorain May 9-11.

Dr. H. N. Holmes gave a series of four lectures on colloidal chemistry at Swarthmore College April 21, 22, and a second series on the same subject May 19, 20. He has just completed a new high school text, "Elements of Chemistry."

Dr. William H. Chapin spoke before the American Chemical society, Ohio Northern section, at Findlay May 13. His subject was, "Water softening and its control."

Professor Yeaton was elected chairman of the Ohio section of the American Mathematical association at a recent meeting in Columbus.

Director Frank H. Shaw was at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, for the May Festival which was originated a number of years ago by Professor Charles H. Adams of the Conservatory.

The Ohio College Association, Social Science Section, elected Professor Paul S. Peirce its president for the coming year.

Edmund G. Caskie, who has been assistant professor of French the past year during the absence of Professor Jamison, is next year to be on the faculty of the International University Cruise, the organization which has just completed the first round-the-world college, aboard the S. S. Ryndam.

Professor R. A. Jelliffe spoke before the Detroit chapter of the alumni association early in May.

Instructor Francis J. Pettijohn has received a graduate fellowship in geology at the University of California for the coming year.

Professor Bosworth returned on the Italian liner Roma on Saturday, May 12th. He plans to work in the Congressional library at Washington until the second week in June.

Professor Fiske and family are now in Venice, Italy.

Dean Graham is giving three commencement addresses in June: on the third, before the high school of Napoleon, Ohio; the eighth, at Bluffton College, Ohio, and the ninth, at the high school of Piqua. On the twenty-sixth he will preach at the auditorium

service of the Y. M. C. A. encampment at Lake Geneva, Wis.

Miss Fitch, before her return from Europe, where she has been spending the winter, will give the commencement address at the School of Religion, Athens, Greece.

Miss Margaret Schaufler attended the meeting of the Western Arts Association held at Milwaukee May 4-7. She was elected vice-president of the Art section of the Ohio State Teachers' association.

Professor Clarence Ward delivered an address before the Senior Hi-Y in Elyria on May 4.

Professor Louis E. Lord went to New York the second week of May to attend the meeting of the managing committee of the School of Classical Studies at Athens.

Miss Birdie Holloway, acting head of the School Music department, attended the North Central Music Supervisors' conference held in Springfield, Ill., during the week of April 11. Miss Holloway also attended the final music contest in Medina County, Ohio, April 9, at which event she was one of the judges.

Mrs. Katherine M. Heacox, instructor in French, represented the Oberlin branch, of which she is president, at a meeting of the Financial Committee of the State League of Women Voters in Columbus on April 9.

Professor W. H. Frederick of the Conservatory attended the North Central Supervisors' conference, which was held in Springfield, Ill., April 12 to 15.

Professor Herman H. Thornton was elected secretary of the Division of Romance Languages at the recent meeting of the Ohio College Association, held in Columbus during spring vacation.

Professor K. F. Geiser attended the meeting of the American Society of International Lawyers held in Washington, D. C., in May. Professor Geiser also spoke to a group of Washington-Oberlin alumni. He has just translated from the German "Meisterwerke der Staatsphilosophie" by Dr. Geza Englemann. Professor Oscar Jaszi has written the introduction. Harper Brothers are publishers.

Dr. W. F. Bohn attended the meetings of the National Council of Congregational churches at Omaha, Neb., May 25 to June 2. He met with alumni groups at St. Louis, Kansas City, Omaha, Des Moines and Chicago.

Shansi Schools Continue under Chinese Direction

A cablegram from Dr. H. H. K'ung, under date of May 14, states that the work of the Oberlin-Shansi schools is continuing smoothly and that the general political conditions in China are clearing rapidly.

Dr. K'ung, of the Oberlin class of 1906 and who received his doctorate at Oberlin last June, is president of the Oberlin-Shansi schools at Taiku. He has for a number of years been in close touch with the developing political situation in China and last winter was made minister of industry in the new Nationalistic cabinet. He had already been acting as minister of finance at Canton. Dr. K'ung's cable came from Shanghai.

The latest word direct from Shansi indicates that the work of the schools and the mission was going along without disturbance by the Chinese, but had been upset by the peremptory orders of the American Consul at Peking that all nationals of the United States must leave at once. This was the early part of April.

Much discussion among the Americans and with the leading Chinese, telegrams back and forth between the missionaries and the Consul and the American Board officials in Peking followed.

Fortunately Oberlin's representatives in China have been gradually training the Chinese to carry responsibility. Last year in the absence of Dr. Fairfield on his furlough a Chinese was acting dean. He proved exceedingly efficient. Other Chinese members of the faculty and mission have increasingly been given and ably discharged administrative jobs.

The necessity, therefore, of suddenly having to turn over to the Chinese full responsibility for the work has not meant the crippling of that work or its entire cessation, as has been the case in other stations in China. A trained leadership was ready for this crisis.

The Americans were all loathe to leave. No disturbance of any kind had occurred in Taiku or for that matter elsewhere in the province and as stated in Dr. Fairfield's article in the May issue of the Alumni Magazine, none was anticipated, because of the sheltered location of the province and the peaceful and politic nature of the governor.

But the Consul threatened that if

the Americans did not come out he might have to send in American troops to get them, in case of disturbance.

It has been the expressed desire of our missionaries to do nothing that would arouse the bolshevik element among the Chinese or that would necessitate the use of the armed forces of the United States government, as the latter would only tend to create a greater anti-foreign feeling.

After full consultation with their Chinese colleagues the Americans decided to act upon the demand of the Consul and to temporarily withdraw. This they did with much reluctance and misgiving.

The American Board advised those

whose furloughs would occur within the next year to proceed directly to America. Others were sent to Korea, especially the women and children.

Definite word has been received that Dr. Corbin has returned to Taiku and there is reason to believe that Dr. Fairfield also went back shortly. Possibly others have done so by this time in view of the clearing political conditions as stated in Dr. K'ung's cablegram.

Miss Lan Hua Liu, Oberlin's new representative in Shansi, who left this country in March, is reported to have arrived in Peking April 17 and to have proceeded directly to Taiku to take charge of the girls' school and to assist in the general administration.

Reunion Reminders

Get out your old Hi-O-Hi and read it over, whether or not you plan to return. It will be a happy reminder of those good old days.

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The Women's Building, 40 South Professor street, will be available to classes for any use they wish. It has delightful parlors, rest room and kitchenette.

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Bring along your old album of college snap shots—your classmates will enjoy seeing them again.

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Make your room reservations early. There is going to be a crowd in Oberlin.

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"You don't mean that you have a son as big as that. Well, well, well!"

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Register at once upon arrival in town, at the Commencement Headquarters, Alumni office, Men's Building. Your friends will be inquiring as to where you are staying.

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Get your parade plans mostly arranged for before coming to town. There'll then be the more time for visiting with friends.

You may not look cute in your class distinction but you'll look classy.

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Drop a line now to some of those old friends and arrange to see them in Oberlin. Your coming back may help them to decide to do so.

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No other president has served Oberlin in that position for twenty-five years. Honor King by your presence this June.

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Don't be one of those who hear what a whale of a good time was had at Commencement, but be one who feels it by being here.

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Bring the children along—trained kindergartners can be secured to care for the smaller ones, the older one may care for some of the kindergartners.

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Mail, telegrams, and friends will reach you much more promptly if you will register at the General Headquarters, Alumni Office, Men's Building, at once upon your arrival in town.

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This is your chance to share in honoring President King at the completion of fifty years of connection with Oberlin. Will you do it?

Noted Visitors

Dr. Imre Szukovathy of Budapest, Hungary, was in Oberlin Friday, April 23, to study the Oberlin system of physical education and athletics.

Dr. Szukovathy is the director general of physical education for Hungary. He is also the director of the Royal Central Institute of Physical Education and also head of the State Health Department.

While in Oberlin he visited classes at work in both the men's and women's gymnasiums and visited the athletic fields. Dr. Szukovathy was the guest of Professor Savage.

On May 11 Professor H. R. Kruyt of the University of Utrecht, Holland, lectured twice before the natural science faculty and students. Professor Kruyt is one of the leading colloidal chemists of the world.

Seniors Made Acquainted with Alumni Association

The class of 1927 was informally introduced to the Alumni Association and its activities at a reception given by the association at the alumni rooms in the Men's Building May 26. The purpose and scope of the association was explained by Secretary Olmstead and the near alumni made to feel that the alumni office was in the year Mr. and Mrs. Olmstead had entertained at supper and social evening at their home the forty members of the class holding student offices.

Theological Commencement

The annual commencement of the Graduate School of Theology was held May 25 in the First church auditorium. The baccalaureate exercises were held at the same place Sunday afternoon previous.

The commencement address was delivered by Professor Eugene W. Lyman of Union Theological Seminary, New York, and former member of the theological faculty here. Bachelor of Divinity degrees were conferred upon eight; one received an S. T. M. degree; four will receive their A.M. in theology in June. Dean Thomas W. Graham presided. President King preached the baccalaureate sermon, printed elsewhere in this issue.

The alumni association held its meeting and dinner after the commencement exercises. Nearly two hundred alumni and friends were present for the dinner.

Repairs Under Way

The hotel repairs ordered by the college trustees at their last meeting are being made under the direction of Doren E. Lyon, superintendent of buildings and grounds. Miss Elma Pratt, '12, planned the interior decorating. The portico on the front of the building has been removed. The lobby and rooms on the main floor are being entirely renovated. A new ladies parlor has been provided and new arrangements for both ladies and men's toilets. New flooring and ceiling has been put in the kitchen and all floors refinished. New rugs, draperies, furniture and electrical equipment have been provided. With these changes and freshly painted throughout the old Park hotel may deserve a new name.

Miss Mary B. Wicks, a graduate of the home economics department of Cornell University, has been engaged as manager. P. E. Nielson, the efficient manager for the past nine years, has moved to Cleveland. Miss Wicks comes highly recommended by the faculty of the hotel courses at Cornell. After completing her studies at the university she became a hotel employee, working in various departments in order to get first hand experience. She has recently been manager of a hotel in West Virginia.

The Second church is to be vacated by the Methodists June 21 and changes will at once be made in that building by the college for its use in place of Spear laboratory. The organ will be removed and will probably replace the one now in use in the First church.

It is planned to have the general zoölogy, embryology and animal ecology laboratories on the ground floor together with private offices for the professors of these departments. The physiology laboratory and office will be where the present choir room is located under the choir loft. The choir loft will be turned into a lecture room as will also the rear balcony.

The center section of the present auditorium will become a large lecture room. In the side galleries and under them will be placed the exhibition cases of the museum.

The repainting of the chapel has been suspended till after commencement as it was found that the whole interior would probably have to be replastered.

Council Hall plumbing is being renewed and new lavatories installed.

Book Review

RELIGIOUS FOLK-SONGS OF THE NEGRO, AS SUNG AT HAMPTON INSTITUTE. Edited, with an Introduction, by R. NATHANIEL DETT, Mus.D. Hampton Institute Press, 1927.

"Who trains this chorus? It is marvelous!" was the exclamation of a German musician who had heard the nine hundred students of Hampton Institute sing their native unaccompanied songs with a unity, precision and sustained accuracy of pitch which he had not believed possible. The information that nobody trains them, that the harmonies he heard were their own improvisation, increased his bewilderment. Mrs. Natalie Curtis Burlin, who records this incident, properly remarks that "a people who can sing in extemporaneous four- and six- and eight-part harmonies are gifted, not only with rare melodic and rhythmic sense, but also with a natural talent for harmony that distinguishes the black race as among the most musically endowed of peoples."

This remarkable phenomenon is a subject, as the publisher's book-lists show, that is receiving constantly increasing attention not only from musicians but also from sociologists. Every musician knows how enormously the Negro "Spirituals" have contributed to the store of religious emotional expression in this country. It is only a moderate exaggeration on the part of Count Hermann Keyserling when he remarks, in "The Travel Diary of a Philosopher," that "the inhabitants of Africa have saturated the country into which they have been transplanted with their own soul to such an extent that the white man there sings Negro tunes in order to give vent to his feelings."

The treatment which this body of religious folk-song is receiving at the hands of scholars as well as of chorus directors consists in the discovery, notation and publication of new melodies; the sifting out and establishment of authentic versions; the observation of methods of performance by the original singers, and especially of late the determination of the sources from which their peculiar qualities and forms have been derived. The first three of these objects is illustrated by Dr. Dett in his new book with a scholarly accuracy and thoroughness which gives him a high place among workers in this field. He

has presented and classified one hundred and sixty-five melodies that are in use at Hampton, many of them previously unprinted, and instead of enriching them with harmonies which would bring them into the repertoires of choral societies (which he has elsewhere proved himself eminently competent to do) he has noted the harmonies which he has heard the untaught singers employ naively in their public gatherings. This has been done before, but by no one else on so extensive a scale. It is this which gives his collection a unique value.

In regard to the sources from which the spirit and forms of the American Negro folk-songs are evolved, Dr. Dett rejects peremptorily the assumption occasionally heard that the slaves on the plantations took the suggestion of their idioms from revival hymns of their masters, as though these tunes were a sort of musical *patois*. "Where," he pertinently asks, "is that wonderful matrix of hymnology out of which have grown these song jewels of the Negro?" He declares that "the slave brought with him from Africa a religious inheritance which was strengthened by his American experience," and finds in certain characteristics of the words of his songs as well as of his melodies a mode of feeling that is distinctly Oriental and ancient." As for the musical idiom it would of course be "unreasonable to suppose that it was entirely unaffected by environment"; but "it has long been accepted as scientifically true that the black man brought his musical idiom with him from his native land, as he must have brought his susceptibility to religious suggestion." In this conclusion Dr. Dett is on firm ground, as has been demonstrated by investigators who are studying the musical practice of primitive African tribes of the present day.

The author, in his Introduction, goes far below the technical and historical aspects of his theme. He expresses its true significance in the very suggestive statement, that "the worth of native Negro genius to America is paramount, for certainly it is most important that in a country given over to commercial enterprise there should be at least one wellspring of spiritual issue."

There should be indeed. One of the most serious questions of our time is this: Will the Negro, as he accumulates wealth and gains more and more of professional and business prestige,

yield to the persuasion of worldly motive, and lose the depth and simplicity of spiritual consciousness that was his comfort in his day of poverty and subjection and has become his special racial contribution?

Dr. Dett's Introduction cannot be too highly praised. His intellectual grasp is comprehensive and sure; his literary style is clear, cogent and poetic. It is hoped that he will write more. He has attained distinction as a composer, but it is in his power to perform other service also in revealing the soul of his people to those of the white race who have soul enough to understand it.

Evidence of this statement may be found in the beautiful passage with which Dr. Dett closes the expository part of his book. He is speaking of the Negro hymnody as a whole: "With an almost uncanny assurance this song addresses supernal forces; the slave speaks with a voice of command; a servant's eyes are ravished by the sight of regal joys in which by divine right he expects to share; unseen wings are summoned to do the bidding of feet broken with toil, and are never even for a moment expected to hesitate or fail because of the race, creed, or circumstances of him whose evocation they speed to answer. Thus are Ethiopic and Abyssinian liturgies revived on Occidental shores, and even in the shadow of the auction block faith is born anew."

EDWARD DICKINSON.

Alumni Catalog Ready

The alumni catalog, which has been in preparation the past two years under the direction of George M. Jones, Secretary of the College, is to be distributed during June.

Copies will be forwarded to all graduates who furnished information for the book. Other graduates and former students wishing copies should make request of Mr. Jones.

The catalog is issued under date of October 21, 1926, when the forms were finally closed to corrections.

The book is somewhat larger than the last one, issued in 1916, because of added features and because there are more alumni.

In the class roll the names of men and women have been arranged into a single alphabetical list instead of in two lists as formerly. Also the married women are listed under their present names with their maiden names

in parenthesis. Elsewhere is provided a finding list for married women. In the alphabetical list of all alumni, women are listed both under their maiden and married names.

An entirely new feature is the occupational distribution of living alumni prepared by Associate Professor Louis D. Hartson of the department of psychology.

The constitution of the Alumni Association, its list of officers and local chapters are given.

The book as a whole is well gotten up, the type is small but readable, and the arrangement makes it easy to find the desired information. Mr. Jones and his able staff deserve much credit for compiling such a valuable volume. In his introduction Mr. Jones especially recognizes the assistance of Mrs. Charles B. Martin, '85, who helped in the gathering of the material and especially in locating alumni whose addresses had been lost.

Oberlin Physical Education Luncheon

On April 15 at the annual conference of the American Physical Education Association held at Des Moines, Iowa, a group luncheon was held for all the delegates attending the convention. The normal schools of physical education, colleges and universities offering majors in physical education met in groups, 335 delegates attending. The Oberlin group was made up of the following delegates: T. N. Metcalf, '12, Iowa State College; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Curtis, '21, '23, Oklahoma City; Nadine Cragg, '24, Bradley College, Peoria, Ill.; Alfred G. Wheeler, '22, Iowa State College; Marjorie F. Mahn, '26, South Bend, Ind.; Ermina Tucker, '04, Minneapolis; Grace W. Fuller, Minneapolis; Gladys E. Leonard, '12, Vermilion, S. D.; Lucile L. Hiserodt, '16, Lakewood, Ohio; Marian L. Treat, '20, Omaha, Neb.; Louis F. Kellar, '15, University of Minnesota; Ruby Ana Holton, '20, Drake University; H. R. McPhee, '17, Iowa State College; James N. Parsons, '26, Waukegan, Ill.; Dr. G. E. Moulton, '03, and Professor C. W. Savage, '93, of Oberlin.

While the Oberlin group was not as large as some of the other groups it made up in enthusiasm for its lack in numbers. "Ten Thousaud Strong" and the Hi-O-Hi let the delegates know that Oberlin was well represented.

Savage and Moulton Honored

At the thirty-fourth annual conference of the American Physical Education Association held in Des Moines April 13-16, Professor C. W. Savage was for the second time elected president of the association. At Iowa City a few days previous, Dr. Gertrude E. Moulton was made president of the Midwest Section of the Society of Directors of Physical Education for Women in Colleges and Universities.

While in Des Moines, Professor Savage was given a dinner by the Oberlin alumni of that city and those attending the conference. Mrs. Grace Millikan Behr, '95, was in charge of the dinner which was held at the Fort Des Moines hotel. Those present

were: Anna C. West, c-'88; Harriet Lake, '91; Grace Millikan Behr, '95; Ethel Vail Franquemont, '06; Charlene E. Sperry, '01; Edith Usry, c-'11; J. Lloyd Lewis, '12; T. N. Metcalf, '12; Eleanor Lassey Smith, '12; Helen Wallar Metcalf, '12; E. E. Smith, Colgate, '11; Lillian Loucks Kellar, '14; Louis F. Kellar, '15; Harriet Wolcott, '16; Floyd S. Gove, '17; Rena Biderstaff Gove, '18; Dr. Harry R. McPhee, '17; Edna Lewis, '19; Cora E. Eckart, '20; Ruby Ana Holton, '20; A. G. Wheeler, '22; Everett L. Curtis, '23; Mrs. Everett L. Curtis, '23; Nadine Cragg, '24. Others present as former students or relatives were: Iola B. Quigley, Mrs. Vail, Mr. Graves, and Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Carlton.

Due to the fact that the opening session of the American Physical Education Association was set for 8 p. m.,

there was little opportunity for addresses. Professor T. N. Metcalf of Ames, speaking for the state of Iowa, and Miss Holton, speaking for Drake University, made brief responses. Professor Savage gave a hurried sketch of the main interests on the campus of Oberlin. There was time for only a brief exchange of questions and answers. A very evident determination to make a special effort to attend the 1927 commencement in honor of President King was manifested. Altogether it was a very happy occasion but quite too short.

At the Iowa City convention, besides Dr. Moulton, there were present Miss Lucy Bowen, '10, director of De Pauw University, Greencastle, Ind.; Miss Gladys Leonard, '12, director at the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, S. D., and Miss Ruby Holton, '22, director at Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa. Miss Bowen gave a talk on the program and Miss Holton was in charge of a demonstration held at Drake University.

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The Alumni Trio

Mrs. Lucile Brown Ketcham, '15, violinist; Mrs. Louise Arnold Ford, '23, cellist and Miss Rebecca Durfee Burgner, '22, pianist, have appeared recently in recitals in Cleveland, Toledo, Norwalk, Alliance, and Oberlin. All live in Oberlin and are known as the Oberlin Alumni Trio.

Large Gathering at Cincinnati

The Cincinnati Enquirer of March 26 gives nearly a half column to an account of the Oberlin dinner held in that city the Saturday night previous (a publicity example that other chapters might emulate). A large share of the nearly a hundred alumni of Oberlin in and near Cincinnati were present. "One of the liveliest of the group who gathered from Cincinnati, Newport, Covington and Oxford, was William C. Cochran, Cincinnati lawyer, one of the two living members of the class of 1869, who graduated 58 years ago, and who for many years, like his father before him, has been a trustee of the college."



ALUMNI TRIO, 1927

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"The special guest of honor was John G. Olmstead, '06, general secretary of the Alumni Association, who gave the news of the campus and told of the plans for honoring President King who retires after 50 years of continued connection with the college. Musical numbers were given by Mrs. Frank Vibrans (Nelda Harvey, '14-'17) and Andrew C. Koch, '26, and all joined in Oberlin songs."

Officers elected for the coming year were: Dr. Ida Westlake Caldwell, '05, president; Mark O. Ward, '10, vice-president and councilor; Frances Nobis, '17, secretary-treasurer.

Berea on the Map

The Oberlin folks of Berea entertained their alumni secretary, his wife and small son at a reception at the home of President Hutchins April 24. Some twenty-five were present ranging from President Emeritus William G. Frost, '76, to graduates of the class of 1926. All were interested in the news Mr. Olmstead brought direct from Oberlin and many were the expressions of desire to return for commencement this spring and to contribute to the honoring of President King. Among those present were: Dr. Frost, '76, President William G. Hutchins, h.'20, Mrs. Anne Murch Hutchins, '90-'94, Dr. Robert H. Cowley, '96, Mrs. Anna Parry Cowley, '97, Edwin M. Hoffman, '07, Mrs. Mary Lindsey Hoffman, '10, Rev. Albert Schumacker, '08, Mrs. Sara Weida Schumacker, '11, Ira D. Shaw, '98, Mrs. Grace Prince Shaw, '94-'95, Mrs. Ada M. S. Sherwood, '14, Mrs. Thomas Walker, '87, and Elizabeth Bennett, '26.

New Chapter in Baltimore

The Baltimore Alumni of Oberlin met and organized as a chapter of the general alumni association May 4. The meeting was held at the Associate Congregational church and brought together a loyal and interested group of Oberlinites. Mr. Olmstead, alumni secretary, and Mrs. Olmstead were present from Oberlin and rejoiced all with their glowing accounts of Oberlin's development. After a talk fest by all and delicious refreshments, election of officers was held, resulting in the selection of Dr. Maynard M. Metcalf '89, president; Miss Mary E. Andrews, '17, 2217 N. Calvert street, secretary-treasurer and councilor.

Many Meetings at Chicago

Oberlin functions have been quite brisk and frequent in Chicago this winter. There was the joint luncheon of the Men's and Women's clubs in January, at which President Cleveland Cross and Secretary John Olmstead were our guests. In addition the Women's club has held a monthly luncheon which has brought together an average of fifty women each time, and the men have had monthly luncheons at the University Club.

On April 22 occurred the Annual Meeting of the Oberlin Alumni Association of Illinois. In view of the fact that we had so noted a speaker as Dr. Carl Patton in our own membership, we decided not to go farther afield. He gave us a most interesting and entertaining lecture on the trends of education, comparing present day theories with those of his own time in college.

Mrs. Alice Brown Stout, who studied in the Oberlin Conservatory for several years and is now a well-known singer and entertainer in Chicago, contributed two groups of songs to the program, which were much enjoyed.

Quite a few Oberlinites from nearby Illinois towns attended the dinner.

The officers and councilors elected for the coming year are as follows:

President, Andrew D. Collins, '08; vice-president, Allan Rood, '16; secretary, Ruth G. Nichols, '03, 6719 Newgard Avenue; assistant secretary, Marjorie White, '12; treasurer, C. D. Wells, '10.

Councilors: Louis E. Hart, '93; Mary P. Millikan, '93.

Members of Executive Committee: Edward P. Millikan, '20; Joseph Stocker, '24, Mrs. H. C. Swearingen, '73; Mrs. Ruth Boynton, '08; Elizabeth Storer, '24.

Oberlin Woman's Club at Chicago

The Oberlin Women's club held the final luncheon of this spring at the Morrison Hotel Saturday, May 7th, two of our social workers being speakers.

Miss Elizabeth Hughes, 1910, sang the swan song of the Department of Public Welfare, as Mayor Thompson has abolished the office of commissioner held by Miss Mary McDowell. Miss Hughes' observations regarding the

municipal lodging house and other institutions were most entertaining. Being under civil service, she will continue her work in another department—that of surveys.

Mrs. Eleanor Patrick Eels, '15, gave some of her experiences in connection with the Italian settlement served by Garibaldi Institute. Possibly social work trains entertaining speakers, or possibly only people with an eye for the amusing and the picturesque can become successful social workers. However it may be, Miss Hughes and Mrs. Eels gave us a most interesting program.

Mrs. Reid gladdened our hearts by announcing that the annual picnic to the Millikan-Reid-Charles lawn would be held on June 4th.

Springfield Organizes

About twenty-five of the alumni, former students, and prospective students of Oberlin College were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin L. Shuey at their country home near Springfield, Ohio, Friday evening, April 22. After the dinner Mr. John G. Olmstead, the Alumni Secretary of the College, addressed the group, telling of the recent progress at the College, and the plans for the celebration in honor of President King, which will be held during commencement week in June.

A short business session was held, at which a Springfield Chapter of the Oberlin Alumni Association was organized, with the following officers: President, Mr. Edwin L. Shuey, '09; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. A. C. Eckert, '08; Counselor, Rev. R. C. Whitehead, '13. It is hoped that with a permanent organization, regular meetings will be held, and the Spirit of Oberlin fostered in this community. Some of the old college songs were sung and a social time enjoyed by those present: Mr. and Mrs. Alfred G. Bookwalter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Irving L. Grant and son Clarence, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Shelton and daughter Mary, Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Whitehead, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Eckert, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. McNett, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Collins, Miss Elizabeth Garland, Miss Irene Notter, Miss Clara Grafton, Miss Eleanor Clark, Miss Janet Klove, Miss Frances Graham, Mr. William Graham, Mr. and Mrs. John Olmstead and son from Oberlin, and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin L. Shuey.

Douglass Memorial Chorus

The Douglass Memorial Chorus has for a number of years been making a contribution to the musical life of the community. Its founder and director is Assistant Professor Don Morrison of the Conservatory. The purpose of the chorus is to produce the works of living negro composers and to give the traditional music of the race. In its sixth annual concert on April 28, the chorus presented an entirely religious program made up of the German Bach chorals and their own beautiful "Negro Spirituals," showing that with the great community of feeling there is a striking contact in period, race, and style of the two religious folk-songs.

The chorus, made up of students and citizens of Oberlin and vicinity, had as its soloists: Miss Wilhelmina Patterson, soprano, of Hampton Institute; Mr. Benjamin Sanders, tenor, of Brewer Normal School, Greenwood, S. C., and Miss Carrie May Booker, accompanist, of Oberlin.

Dream of Gerontius

Music lovers certainly had a delightful evening if they attended the spring concert of the Musical Union held in Oberlin May 24. This was the sixty-sixth season and the two hundred and fifth concert of the Union. "The Dream of Gerontius" by Sir Edward Elgar was the musical feature presented, conducted by Dr. Andrews, with Bruce Davis at the organ.

The Union had, by painstaking rehearsals, perfected their part to a high degree and sang with great verve, fittingly upholding the excellent art of the soloists. The soloists were Lambert Murphy, tenor, Miss Lila Robeson, contralto, and Barrie Hill, baritone.

The work of Mr. Murphy was exceptionally striking. One noted his poise, his control, his ease. He seemed to put his soul into the part of "Soul" and one was thrilled by his expressiveness.

Miss Robeson, too, was in good voice and charmed her listeners. Mr. Hill showed immaturity and lack of experience, but has a voice of which much may be expected when he has had further training.

There was a large attendance and the evident enjoyment of the audience was very gratifying to the members of the Musical Union.

News of the Alumni

'66—Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Fairchild celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. McKelvey, at Viola, Suffern, N. Y., on Sunday, May 8, 1927. They celebrated their Golden Wedding at the same place and now have added ten more years to their record of married life.

Mr. and Mrs. Fairchild were married at Beloit, Wis., on May 8, 1867, Mr. Fairchild being then 24 years of age and his bride, then Miss Adelaide Dean, being three years younger. Their marriage was the result of a college romance, both being students at Oberlin College.

Charles G. Fairchild was the oldest son of Edward Henry Fairchild, who was the first President of Berea College, Ky. Nine children were born of the marriage, all of whom are living except one son, Paul Dean Fairchild. The other children are: Mrs. Bertha Frances Lauder, wife of Dr. Charles E. Lauder, a physician of Viroqua, Wis.; Julia W. Fairchild, who has an estate at Shepardsdown, W. Va., overlooking Harpers Ferry on the Potomac River; Eugene Fairchild, who is manager of a large factory in Bristol, Conn.; Walter Fairchild, a lawyer, who resides at Suffern and who helped make the Mahwah River famous as Commodore of the Mahwah River Yacht Club; Helen F. McKelvey, well known in local politics but more successful as the wife of Ralph H. McKelvey of New York and Viola; Ralph Fairchild, of Roslyn Heights, L. I., who is in charge of the physical training department of Boys' High School, Brooklyn, and manager of Buck Mountain Boys' Camp in the Adirondacks; Ruth F. Hooker, wife of Edward H. Hooker of Spynon Duvvil, N. Y., who is associated with the great copper firm of Phelps, Dodge & Co.; Clarissa White Cushman, wife of Professor Robert E. Cushman, professor of government and public law at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y. Mrs. Cushman has recently added to her husband's fame by becoming author of a novel, entitled, "The New Poor," published by Harper & Brothers.

Professor Charles G. Fairchild has been connected with educational work all his life. Soon after his marriage he took charge, with his wife, of a school at Trenton, N. J. He went from there to Berea College, Ky., and from that college to Oberlin, where he served thirteen years as professor and financial agent. From Oberlin Mr. Fairchild went to Winter Park, Fla., where he was President of Rollins College. Later Mr. Fairchild was connected with the Board of Education of New York City, until he retired some years ago. He is a veteran of the Civil War, having enlisted in 1861 at the age of 18.

'69—The class letter, started in 1872, has just completed its fifty-fourth round. It is not a printed document, compiled and published by a class secretary from letters sent to him; but, as its name implies, a collection of letters written by the several members. As the letter reaches each one he, or she, takes out his, or her, old letter and writes and inserts a new one. Thus we hear from each about once a year and all write with more

freedom and frankness than they would if they thought their letters were to be produced in cold print and circulated, or preserved to be read by others, not of the fold. In the late '80s one of the members inserted photographs of himself or children and of buildings or scenery in places where he lived, or which he had visited. Others followed suit, and some very fine collections of views have thus been laid before the class. The last letter contained 63 photographs, including scenes from Alaska, Canada, the Hawaiian Islands, and Southern California. Only two of the men who graduated in 1869 are now living—William C. Cochran of Cincinnati, and Edwin C. Stiegel of Los Angeles. Nine of the twelve women who graduated in 1869 are still living—Eliza G. Baker (Tompkins) of Shelby, Ohio; Emma J. Carl of Oberlin; Nellie Greene (Parker) of Pasadena, Calif.; Emma E. Monroe (Fitch) of New York City; Elizabeth Keep (Clark) of Evanston, Ill.; Charlotte E. Patchin (Bickford) of Los Angeles, Calif.; Emily E. Peck (Chamberlain) of Dallas, Texas; Frances C. Steele (Pratt) of Eagle Rock, Calif.; Electa Woolley (Yarnell) of Houston, Texas. All the women but Miss Carl are widows. These facts suggest an inquiry as to why the average longevity of college women exceeds that of their male classmates and of the men they marry. Does the record of other classes show the same superior longevity on the part of the women graduates? It is possible that service in the army prior to entering college may have shortened the lives of such men of '69 as Henry R. Clittenden, John Howard Ford, and Benjamin F. McHenry; but that explanation does not fit ten of the other men of the class who have died.

W. C. C.

'71—Dr. William Drake Westervelt was Oberlin's representative at the Pan-Pacific Conference on Education, Rehabilitation, Reclamation, Recreation, at Honolulu on April 11-16.

'73-'76—Mrs. Clarence N. Pelton (Ella Jewitt), who lived in or near Oberlin for the past fifty years, died in Oberlin April 18.

'78—One Oberlin man succeeds another as moderator of the Ohio Congregational Conference which held its annual meeting in Lorain May 9-11. Judge A. C. Shattuck, '78, of Cincinnati, was selected for the office, held the past year by Dr. Roy E. Bowers, '95, of Lakewood, Ohio.

'81-'84—Harry T. Marsh died in Chicago May 7. Mr. Marsh was a son of J. B. T. Marsh, former treasurer of Oberlin College. He resided in Oberlin for many years, at one time being manager of the News, and later connected with the Tribune.

'84-'85—Joel Kysor has one of the greatest handicaps known to man, that of total blindness. Despite this he has built up a thriving business and made himself a well known egg and poultry merchant of Akron.

'85—Mrs. May Ellis Nichols contributed to a recent copy of the Outlook a most interesting account of a visit to a monastery sacred to the memory of Saint Francis of Assisi.

'85 Judge Allen M. Lambright died at his home in Las Animas, Colo., April 21.

'85 Mrs. F. W. Bentley (Josephine Cady) is serving on the Battle Monuments Commission, and with General Pershing has worked out the inscription to be used over the graves of the unknown as follows:

Here Rests In Honored Glory
An American Soldier
Known but to God.

'85 The class of '85 are holding a special reunion this year at Barrows House in honor of President King.

'96 In the May number of the Messenger there is an article by Robert Shaw Wilkinson, President, State Agricultural and Mechanical College, Orangeburg, S. C., on "Negro Land-Grant Colleges."

'91—"Evolution in Science and Religion," the Terry lectures given at Yale last fall by Dr. Robert E. Millikan, have been published by Yale University Press and can be secured of them for ninety cents.

'91 Mrs. Grace Stanton Love of St. Petersburg, Fla., delivered three lectures in February at the Florida State Chautauqua, Keystone Heights, Fla., of which Dr. George W. Mead, also '91, is president.

'92 Miss Caroline E. Chittenden, a missionary in China, has arrived safely in this country and gives as her present address 285 N. Bright Avenue, Whittier, Calif.

'93 Mrs. Laura Shurtleff Price has an article in the Ohio Farmer of April 9 entitled "A Black Phalanx"—a story of the affection of a black Civil War soldier for his white colonel, the latter being her father, the late Professor Giles W. Shurtleff.

'93 Frederic Mason Blanchard and Mrs. Mary Van Vechten Pinckney were married on May 1, at Lakewood Cottage, Carmel Heights, Calif. Mr. Blanchard is a professor of Public Speaking at the University of California at Berkeley.

'93 Dr. E. Dana Druand sailed for Europe April 20 as expert from the Bureau of Commerce, to the Inter-economic conference to be held this summer at Geneva.

'98 Dr. W. A. Hemingway of Tientsin, Shansi, China, returned to America on furlough in May and is making Oberlin his headquarters. Mrs. Hemingway and children have been in Oberlin the past year living at 247 East College Street.

'01 Rev. and Mrs. W. Moreton Owen are to spend July and part of August in England, Scotland and Wales. Mr. Owen is pastor of Bunker Hill Congregational Church, Waterbury, Conn.

'03 Mrs. Paul Corbin and two children returned to America from China in May and are at her former home in Henry, Ill.

'03 Cleveland R. Cross was recently elected a trustee of the new Cleveland Museum of Natural History.

'04, ex-'01—Chester G. Livingston of Honolulu, T. H., and Grace Hemingway of Oak Park, Ill., were married at the home of the bride May 21.

'05 Mrs. Cleveland R. Cross (Ruth Savage) was elected director of the Cleveland Women's City Club.

'05 Ernest B. Comstock, principal of the high school of Dallas, Texas, will be Oberlin's representative at the celebration of 25 years as President of Baylor University, Waco, Texas, on May 31 to June 1.

'05-'06—Mabel Murphy has signed a five-year contract with the Scala Concert Bureau, which will take her abroad next year, to appear in Vienna, Berlin, Budapest and other European musical centers. Miss Murphy is regarded as having one of the most beautiful coloratura soprano voices of the present day.

'06—Mary Uline has just returned from a trip around the world, especially studying the work of the American Board of Foreign Commissioners in India and Turkey.

'06—Rev. Samuel R. McCarthy of Livingston, Mont., was recently presented with a gold football watch-fob by Carleton college in recognition of his excellent service as captain and player on the team about 28 years ago.

'02-'08—Jay G. Ashley died of pneumonia May 8 in the Ashbury hospital at Minneapolis. Mr. Ashley was principal of the Koycemore school at Evanston, Ill.

'07—Wesley Frost, who has been United States Consul at Marseilles, France, has recently been made Consul General, the latter position being a new one created because of the increased importance of this post. Mr. and Mrs. Frost spent their vacation in a motor trip through southern France and Spain.

'08—Born, to Elizabeth Allen Hull and Grover H. Hull, on December 21, 1926, a daughter, Marjorie Jane.

'08—The Quillayute Union high school of Forbes, Wash., of which James Egbert is superintendent, issued their first Annual this year. Probably few schools of this size have issued a more attractive book, replete with pictures and articles, informative and amusing.

'09—Rev. Lawrie J. Sharp, pastor of the Archway Church, Cleveland, was one of the speakers before the Ohio Congregational Conference at the annual meeting in Lorain May 9-11.

'10—Rev. Clarence B. Young, who has been pastor of the Congregational Church of Laingsburg, Mich., since 1920, became pastor of the Ross Memorial Congregational Church of Port Huron, Mich., on May 1.

'10—Rev. Philip C. King directed the devotional services held in connection with the annual meetings of the Ohio Congregational Conference at Lorain in May.

'11—Donald M. Brodie has added to his many other responsibilities in connection with business and with international relations that of executive secretary of the Chinese-American Society. Mr. Brodie's address is 522 5th Avenue, New York City.

'11—Letters from her friends would assist in the recovery of Edna Fish Busche, who is now resting at the Rocky Glenn Sanatorium, McConnellsville, Ohio.

'11—Frank Koos received his Ph.D.

from Columbia University last June. Mr. Koos is Assistant Superintendent of Schools at Winston Salem, N. C.

'12—Dwight A. Bradley, pastor of the Congregational Church at Webster Groves, Mo., had a poem in the Congregationalist of April 14 called "On the Mount of Olives."

'14—Robert T. Somers died in San Antonio, Texas, on April 5. The funeral was held in Dayton, Ohio, where Mrs. Somers (Rachel Wagner) will live at 9 Westminister Apts., Edgewood Avenue.

'14—Mr. and Mrs. Newton B. Green of 240 Oxford Street, Rochester, N. Y., have a son, Newton Holmes, born February 24.

'15—Lucy M. Douglas has recently been made Director of Religious Education for the Church in the Gardens at Forest Hill, L. I.

'15-'16—Mr. and Mrs. Paul B. Means have a son, Gordon Paul, born in Spokane, Wash., on May 9. Mr. Means is with the Methodist Boys' School at Medan, Sumatra, Malaysia.

'16, '16—Rev. and Mrs. Lyman C. Cady (Muriel Poor) and children returned to America in May and are at present with Mr. Cady's parents in Oberlin. Mr. Cady has been professor of theology at Shantung Christian College in China.

'17—Elizabeth Hill was married to Dr. Hal Bieler at Salt Lake City on April 2. Dr. and Mrs. Bieler will make their home at 1518 Fremont Avenue, South Pasadena, Calif.

'17—In the New Republic of April 27 there was a poem, "Good Friday," by Devere Allen of Wilton, Conn.

'18—A sermon by Vernon Johns, pastor of the Court Street Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Va., is contained in the book "The 46 Best Sermons of 1926," edited by Joseph Fort Newton.

'18—Ford E. Curtis married Harriet Baird Ralston of Pittsburgh, last September. Mr. Curtis is an instructor in the English department of the University of Michigan.

'18—Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Bradshaw, 110 West College Street, Oberlin, have a son, John Schwab, born April 3.

'19—Mrs. Philip M. Benton (Marguerite Gibbs) is studying violin, theory and French in New York City. Mr. and Mrs. Benton live at 58 S. 2nd Avenue, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

'20—Robert James was born to Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Conover, 206 Grove Street, Plainfield, N. J., on May 2.

'20—Helen Paulison is sailing on the Southern Cross of the Munson Steamship Line, Pier 3, Hoboken, on July 2, for Buenos Aires, South America. Miss Paulison goes to take the position of Physical Director of the Y. W. C. A. in Argentina.

'20—Mr. Ying Lam Lee, who has been secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in Canton, China, has just been elected vice-president of Lingnan University (formerly Canton Christian College) in Canton.

'21—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph V. Ringham (Margaret Williams) have a son, John Williams, born on March 1st, at their home, 130 Henrietta Street, Wooster, Ohio.

'22, '21—Henry Albert came to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bent's house at 18a Shaler Lane, Cambridge, Mass., December 21, 1926. They like him and have decided that he can stay.

'22—Samuel Shepp Isseks is the author

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of a leading article in the May, 1927, issue of the Harvard Law Review. His article is entitled "Jurisdiction of the Lower Federal Courts over Unauthorized Action of State Administrative Officials." Mr. Isseks is now connected with the firm of Root, Clark, Buckner, Howland & Ballantine of New York City.

'22—Eloise Thurston is to teach this summer at Central Teachers' college, Warrenburg, Mo.

'22—Ellen Ewing's parents, Rev. and Mrs. Charles E. Ewing, are on their way to the United States. Due to conditions in China, they are returning two years earlier than expected.

'23—Rev. Otto B. Githens, who has been educational pastor of the First Congregational Church of Fargo, N. D., will sail about the first of September to take the Principalship of Amanzimtoti Institute, located at Adams, Natal, S. A. The appointment was one by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Congregational Churches.

'23—Harriet G. Bray has been transferred from Ft. Worth, Texas, to the head office of the Amerada Petroleum Corporation at Tulsa, Okla. She holds the same position as at Ft. Worth, that of Office Geologist.

'23, '26—Helen and Margaret Laughlin will sail June 18 from Montreal to spend the summer in Europe.

'23—Miss Ruth Savage has just been elected to the National Educational sorority, Pi Lambda Theta, Rho Chapter, at New York University, where she is a graduate student. Members are chosen to this sorority from those women students in the School of Education who have shown themselves thorough in scholarship and with a capacity for leadership.

'23—Thesbie Galante was married to Mr. Irving R. Hobby on April 16. Mr. Hobby is on the advertising staff of the Flint Daily Journal. The young couple are making their home at 1216 Detroit Street, Flint, Mich.

'23—Robert E. Fisher married Miss Edith Gramling of Orangeburg, S. C., on April 16, at Newport News, Va. Mrs. Fisher is head of the music department of the Newport News high school. Mr. Fisher is in the estimating department of the Newport News Shipbuilding & Drydock Co.

'24—Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Huntley (Katharine Burgner) have a son, John Farrington, born May 16, at Oberlin. Mr. and Mrs. Huntley live at 6048 Washington Avenue, St. Louis, Mo.

'24—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Patterson, Jr. (Virginia Wharton) have a daughter, Ruth Ann, born February 7, at 312 Churchill Street, Rockford, Ill.

'24—Lola Blakely, who is teaching piano at Talladega College this year, is to be in Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, Pa., next year. Harold Richey, '21, is director of music and Marlon Affhauser,

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c'24, is teacher of piano at Dickinson Seminary.

c'24—A recital given before the Musical Guild of Chicago, March 27, had five original compositions by Martha Beck, including a Sonata for violin and piano, and also a Quintette for piano and strings. Miss Beck played the piano part.

ex-cons'24—Lyndon D. Burton and Matilda Katherine Venter were married Easter Sunday morning at the Church in the Gardens, Forest Hills, L. I. Dr. Charles E. Burton, father of the groom, performed the ceremony, which was attended by only immediate members of the family. The couple are now at home at 8551 164th Street, Jamaica, N. Y. Mr. Burton is a teacher of General Science in the Jamaica high school.

'24—Monty Doane was to have returned from China in July. It is probable that in view of the American Consul ordering all nationals out of Shansi in April and the American Board's advice for its representatives soon to have furlough to proceed at once to America that Monty is now on his way home. This probability is heightened by a cable to his father for the necessary money to make the trip home by way of Europe.

'24, ex-'27—Ovid C. and Carol Roy Bain are living at 58 S. 2nd Avenue, Mt. Vernon, N. Y. Ovid Bain is the eastern representative of the Roy Manufacturing Co.

'25—Margaret G. Davis, who has been teaching in Dayton, is to study this summer in the New York School of Social Service.

'25—It was Helen (Polly) Cram, not Pauline, who married Edward Bain. Mrs. Bain is assistant to the head of the children's department of the Dutton Publishing Co. in New York.

'25—Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Guy of Crafton, Pa., announced the engagement of their daughter, Mildred, on April 24, to Mr. Earl Rigdon of Pittsburgh, Pa.

ex-'25—Helen M. Todd was married in New York City on April 2 to William H. Morgan. They will make their home in Jersey City, N. J.

'25—Madeleine Field will do graduate work at the Harvard Medical School next year. This year she has been assistant in the department of Physiology at Mt. Holyoke College.

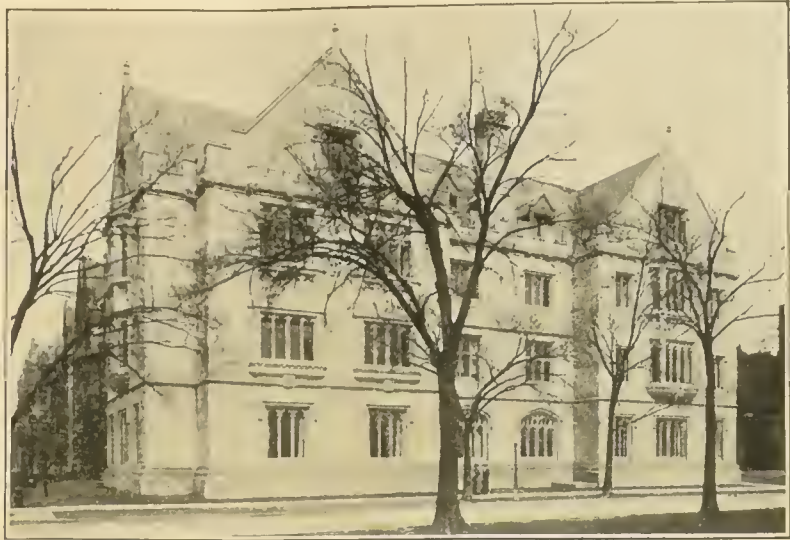
'25—Alice E. Imrie sails on the Adriatic June 11 for a summer in England and Scotland, after which she will return to teach Latin in the Peck Private School, Morristown, N. J.

c'25—Rob Roy Peery was recently awarded the prize for the best setting of the hymn, "Strength for the Day," by Dr. Harry Webb Farrington, offered by the Funk & Wagnalls Co. of New York. As a result of this contest he has been made a member of the Hymn Society of America, an organization of composers devoted to the betterment of American hymnody.

'25—Virginia Hanawalt has accepted a position as Instructor in Physiology and Hygiene at Goucher College, Baltimore, for next year.

'25—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Freeman Ames of Pittsburgh, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary van Horn Harper-Ames, to Shirley Lowell Mason, son of the Rev. Dr. L. Walter Mason of Pittsburgh. Miss Harper-Ames was a member of the Oberlin class of '25 and received her Master's degree from the

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University of Pittsburgh in 1926. Mr. Mason was graduated from Harvard in 1915. He received his Master's degree from the University of Pittsburgh and his D.L.C. from the University of London, England. The engagement will terminate in a June wedding.

'21-'26, '27—The engagement of Marguerite Kearns of Cleveland, to Cecil M. Burnett, was announced April 2.

'26—Helen TeWinkel, who has been graduate assistant in the department of Zoölogy in Oberlin this year, has been appointed assistant in the department of Physiology at Mt. Holyoke College for the year 1927-28.

'26—Thomas Wenner has been appointed to a full time instructorship in the department of government of New York University. Mr. Wenner will receive his M.A. from the New York University this June and will then spend the summer in Europe studying British government and the work of the League of Nations.

'26, '26—Lee F. Holden and Florence E. Smith have announced their engagement.

'27—Mrs. G. B. Andrews announced the engagement of her daughter, Violet, to Cadet Roy Axnp of this year's graduating class at West Point.

'27—Margaret Sumbman has been awarded a fellowship to the New York School of Social Work for next year.

'27, '26—The engagement of Helen D. Beck to Walter A. Hunter was announced on May 14, 1927.

ex-'27—On May 28, at Christ Church, Oberlin, Martha Jane Adams of Cleveland (formerly of Oberlin), was married to George T. Hill of Detroit, Mich. Mr. and Mrs. Hill will make their home at 9365 Pinchurst Drive, Detroit.

'28, '27—On April 30 the engagement of Viola Luethjohn to Andrew Castle Westervelt was announced.

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